

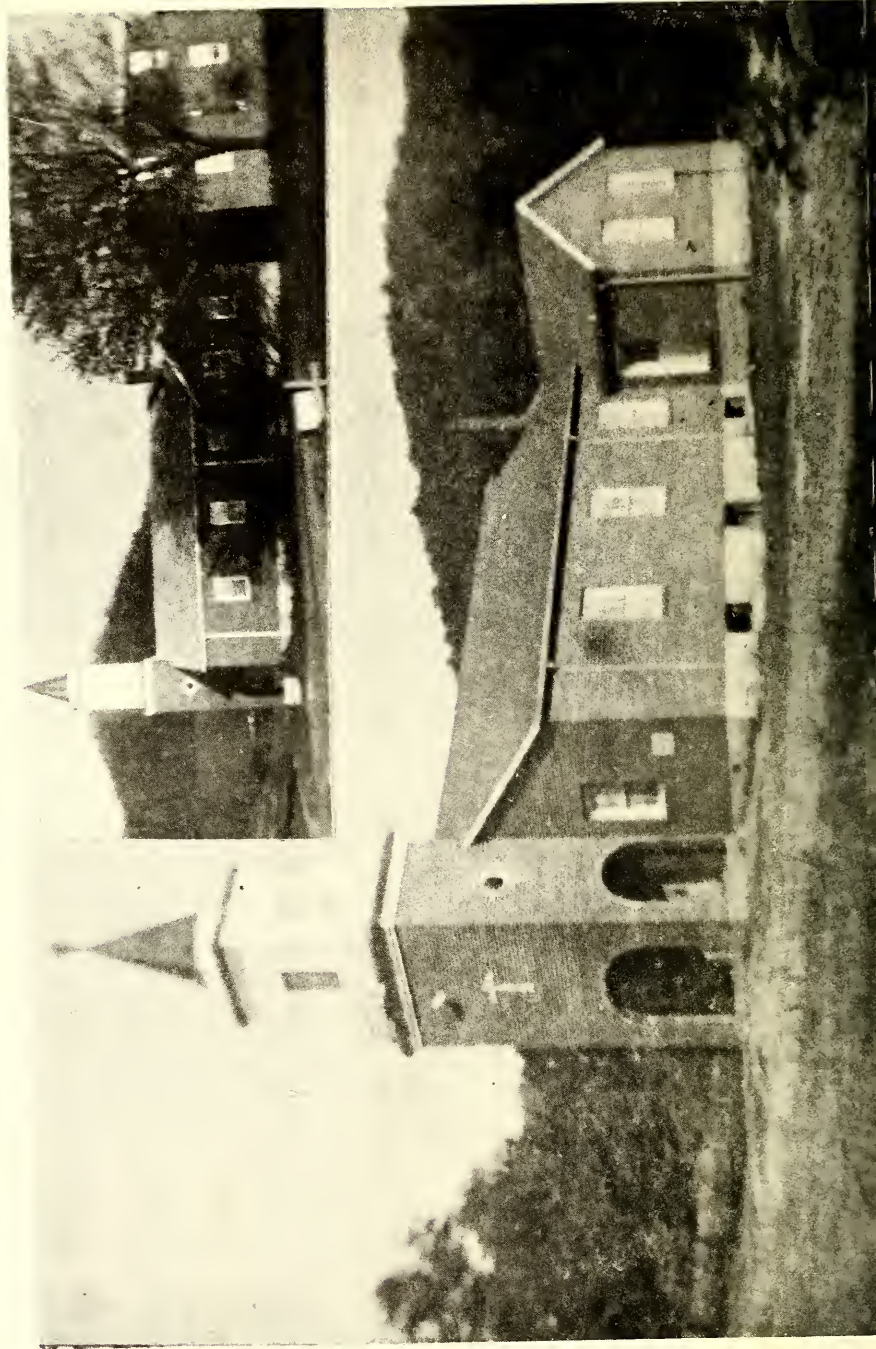
History of Ashe County
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Friendly Grove Baptist Church, West Jefferson, N.C.





Dr. M.D. HART

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REPRESENTING ASHE COUNTY

Th.B., St.B., D.D., M.Div., Ph.D.

ALL THE ABOVE DEGREES HAVE BEEN EARNED
BY HARD STUDY

AWARDED DEGREE 1977
EXPERIENCED PASTORAL
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SOUTHERN SEMINARY
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M.D. Hart and his wife Beryl



FULLER MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH
Martinsville, Va. Where M.D. Hart
was pastor for more than 10 Years. 3



Ira T. Johnston

*THE SECOND EDITION OF THE
HISTORY OF THE ASHE BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION. IS HERE BY
DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY OF
HON. IRA T. JOHNSTON*



REV. J. F. FLETCHER MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH
Jefferson, N.C. Mr. A. J. Fletcher gave \$50,000.
To the memory of his father.



OAK HILL ACADEMY- Mouth of Wilson, Virginia.
Mr. A. J. Fletcher, gave \$100,000.00 to the
memory of Rev. J. F. Fletcher his father who
helped start the school.

Ira Thomas Johnston son of Romolus & Cisco Fletcher Johnston. Was born August 1, 1882 at Idlewild near the top of the Blue Ridge. He was the oldest of a family of fourteen children.

He was educated at Idlewild Elementary School, at Applachion Training School, which is now Applachian State University, from there he went to Wake Forest College, now Wake Forest University, and finished there in 1915.

The next two years he taught in Jefferson High School. At the end of that time he went into the practice of law. The war came along and Ira joined the Army. He was about to be rejected for being under weight, he slipped out ate all the bananas he could hold and passed the test.

For two years he served in the Army Medical Corps, as a Sargent. After the War he returned to his law practice.

His interest in peace and harmony kept him from making as much money as some lawyers might have made. Because many of his clients were advised to make peace, or settle out of Court. He continued his practice alone, until his son, Thomas Shull Johnston finished law school and joined his father in the office of Johnston & Johnston. It was in this office that he died suddenly, Oct 18, 1971.

He married Mary Shull July 9, 1919. Their only child was Thomas Shull Johnston. Ira was interested in all things that would make this a better country, and a better place to live. He was a loyal member of the West Jefferson First Baptist Church, where he taught the men's Bible Class for more than thirty five years. He was recognized as one of the best Bible Scholars, and teachers.

In the Ashe Baptist Association he was a big influence. His knowledge of Parliamentary procedures, helped to keep the business sessions moving and in order.

Possibly no other man in the county so richly deserved to be called Mr. Baptist. Many times he was called to fill the pulpit of some preacher in the area. When he spoke in church he had a message full of practical Christianity.

Ira was civic minded, he was a Trustee of the University of North Carolina from 1933 to 1955. A Trustee of the Ashe Memorial Hospital from the day it was founded until his death, he held numerous positions with the Baptist State Convention board of North Carolina.

He was a charter member of the Jeffersons Rotary Club, and at one time or another held most every office in the Club.

While he was a student in School he attended a Singing Convention at Bethany Methodist Church at Baldwin. After much persuasion he got up to address the crowd, with an extemporaneous speech. When he got up and said "if I could say any thing, O! Lord I'M scared." This took the house down, from there he went on to make a wonderful talk.

Ira went to Raleigh as a representative in the State Legislature 1930-32. 1938.1940. and to the State Senate 1962-64.

While in Raleigh Carl Goerch asked him to take over his radio program, while Carl took a vacation. He told Ira, "Now don't be so good that they will fire me and give you my job, and dont be so bad that I will be fired."

Prof. A.S. Goodman

PROFESSOR A.D.GOODMAN

I know of no Baptist layman who deserves honorable mention more in the history of Ashe Baptist Association, than Professor A.D.Goodman.

He has served his entire life along with his dear wife, in the Ashe County School system.

Possibly more years in the West Jefferson, and Beaver Creek High Schools. He has been a power of influence in the molding the lives of young men and women for good.

Among these are Lawyers, Doctors, Farmers, School Teachers, Preachers among many major denominations.

Other professions, you name it and he has touched their lives somewhere.

Many business men in Ashe County and elsewhere he has touched their lives.

I have a great appreciation for the close personal touch he has had upon the life of my four sons whom he has taught across the years, the outstanding Christian influence he has yielded over them.

M.D.Hart

Goodman Served As Chairman, Bicent. Historical Committee

Ashe County was fortunate in having A. D. Goodman as Chairman of its Bicentennial Historical Committee. He has been interested in collecting and recording history all his life. At the age of 21 he started his dairy which now contains more than 18,000 pages, with at least one page for each day for more than 51 years.

A. D. Goodman was born in Ashe county on February 21, 1901, on Kettle Knob Road. After graduating from high school at Jefferson in 1921, he attended Wake Forest College where he received his B. S. degree in 1928. He was the second student from Ashe county to receive a degree at Wake Forest, and is now the oldest surviving alumnus from this county. (Ira Johnston was the first from Ashe county to get a degree at Wake Forest.)

For the following 40 years Mr. Goodman taught math, sometimes along with science and history. He taught 1 year at Orion Grade School, 2 years at Oak Hill Baptist Academy at Mouth of Wilson, Virginia, 2 years as principal and teacher at Kings Creek, Caldwell county, 2 years at Green Valley, Ashe county, 5 years at Fleetwood High School, 9 years at Healing Springs High School, 6 years at West Jefferson High School, and 13 years at Beaver Creek High School.

Mr. Goodman is a member of the First Baptist Church in West Jefferson and serves as Deacon. He is a charter member and past president of the West Jefferson Lions Club, and also served as



A. D. GOODMAN

Club secretary for 5 years.

Along with his teaching he enjoyed his hobbies of woodworking and camping. He is now living in the third house that he built with his own hands.

As Chairman of the Ashe County Bicentennial Historical Committee, Mr. Goodman spent many, many hours writing and collecting fascinating stories and facts appearing in the book "Rambling Through Ashe". For this we extend our heartfelt thanks.

Copies of this book are still available and can be purchased at the new library or the Chamber of Commerce, both located in West Jefferson.

Oak Hill Academy

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
ROBERT B. ISNER

February 8, 1977

Rev. M. D. Hart
Fuller Memorial Baptist Church
1204 South Askin Street
Martinsville, VA 24112

Dear Rev. Hart:

Enclosed please find a copy of the news release which appeared in the newspapers immediately following Mr. A. J. Fletcher's gift to the school in memory of his father.

We would very much be interested in seeing a copy of the history before it is sent to the publisher.

Very truly yours,

Robert B. Isner

ROBERT B. ISNER



REV. J. F. FLETCHER AND WIFE, LOUISA BARKER FLETCHER

January, 1972

Oak Hill Academy
Mouth of Wilson, Virginia

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OAK HILL ACADEMY GIVEN \$100,000 CHALLENGE GIFT

It's not often that a school president has the opportunity of obtaining a \$100,000 gift for his school.

But for Robert B. Isner, president of Oak Hill Academy, located here, the chance has come.

Several weeks ago, Isner was contacted by A. J. Fletcher of Raleigh, who has given the grant to Oak Hill, with the stipulation that the school matches the donation with a like amount of money.

Isner was delighted with the idea and has begun laying groundwork to match the gift.

According to Isner, Fletcher offered the gift as a memorial to his father, the late Rev. James Floyd Fletcher, a Baptist minister who founded the church on the Oak Hill campus, Young's Chapel Baptist Church.

Rev. Fletcher organized or helped organize several churches in the Grayson-Ashe, N. C., area during his ministry.

Among the churches are State Line in Johnson County, Tenn.; two Friendship Baptist Churches, one in Grayson and one in Ashe; Flat Ridge, now known as Glenwood; Gold Hill, Independence, Trout Dale, and Fox in Grayson County; Big Flats, Grassy Creek, New River and New Cranberry, now known as Bellview, in Ashe County.

The late Rev. Fletcher was no stranger to Oak Hill. He was pastor of the Young's Chapel Church on four different occasions and also a chaplain at the school. Rev. Fletcher lived on the Oak Hill campus in the house now occupied by School Dean L. D. Ussery.

Isner said the school had been in contact with Mr. Fletcher about the gift for the last four years and he just recently made the decision to give the money to Oak Hill.

Isner added that the money would be used to build a much needed chapel-library building. It is now planned to dedicate the building as a tribute and a memorial to the late Rev. James Floyd Fletcher, for whom the building will be named.

Oak Hill was founded in 1878 and has grown over the last several years to its present enrollment of 210 students.

Grades 8-12 are taught at the co-educational school with students representing 13 states and seven foreign countries enrolled.

The school is owned and operated by the Virginia Baptist Association. Isner said the gift was the largest ever given to the school.

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A. J. Fletcher recently had the Music Center on the campus of East Carolina University dedicated in his honor—the A. J. Fletcher Music Center.

Mr. Fletcher can best be described in the following citation given by James Ralph Scales, president of Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, N. C., in awarding him the distinguished Alumnus Citation of 1971:

"A. J. Fletcher did not come from an old Wake Forest family—he started one. One of 14 children of a poor Baptist minister in Ashe County, N. C., he overcame a sketchy educational background and went on to study law at Wake Forest. Now he and all three of his sons are among Wake Forest's choicest alumni.

"Mr. Fletcher has done many things since he left Wake Forest in 1912 and has been successful at all of them. He has practiced law, edited a small town newspaper, founded an insurance company, designed and built a cemetery so beautiful it has become a tourist attraction, built a golf driving range;

and developed a highly successful broadcasting complex in Raleigh, including WRAL-TV and WRAL-Radio.

"To some people Mr. Fletcher's business success is incongruous with his strong support for the arts (Let those critics study the Renaissance, the rise of the great cities of Modern Europe, and the princely support given the arts in America by the rugged individualists of an earlier day).

"To some people Mr. Fletcher's well-known editorial differences with what he calls "the liberal establishment" among the media is inconsistent with the liberal education we profess (Let such critics examine again those virtues we sing as attributes of Wake Forest, a vigorous and critical look at all ideas).

"Those who know a little more about him know his love for music developed from the same background as did his industry and independence.

As a 12-year-old boy in North Wilkesboro he heard an aria from the opera "Faust." Two years ago this month, the one millionth school child attended a performance of the National Opera Company he founded in 1943. The English-Language Touring Opera Company, designed both to let children hear opera and to give promising young singers a start, is Mr. Fletcher's one financial failure. It is a glorious failure, and he cheerfully makes up its deficits year after year.

"And A. J. Fletcher, vital and energetic all his life, is not ready to slow down. Within a few weeks of his eightieth birthday he got married, was admitted to practice law before the United States Supreme Court, chased a burglar from his home, and shot his age in golf. By the way, he is 33 now, and he still shoots his age in golf."

Mr. Aaron J. Conner of Roanoke, Virginia, is the chairman of the Board of Trustees of Oak Hill Academy. Bringing every thing up to date, this offer has been completed, and the Library building in use.

MINUTES FROM 1935 TO 1948
I WAS UNABLE TO FIND OR EVEN
SECURE.

ASHE MISSIONARY BAPTIST

SIXTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION OF THE

Ashe Missionary Baptist Association

NORTH CAROLINA

1886-1949

HELD WITH

TUCKERDALE BAPTIST CHURCH

August 25-26-27, 1949

DIRECTORY OF ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

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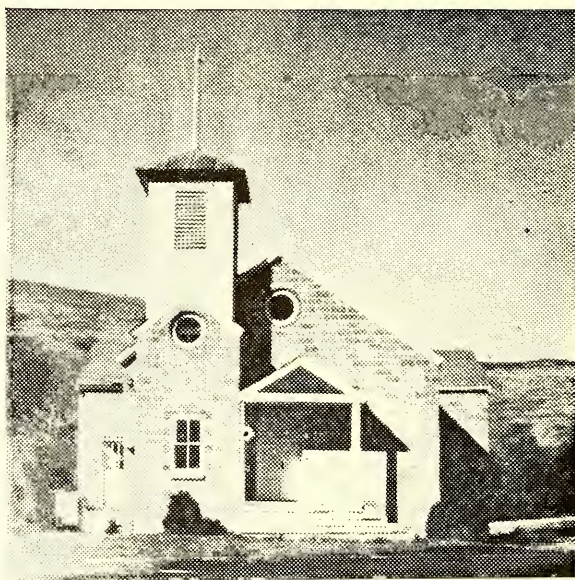
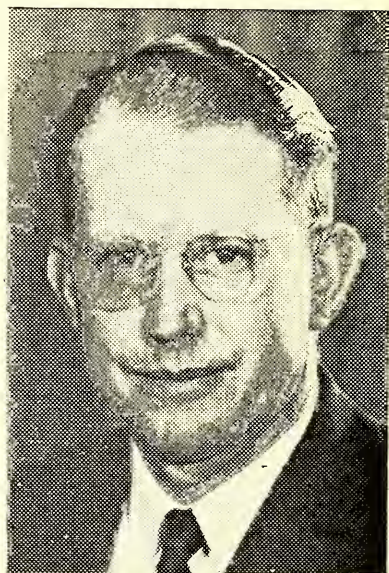
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND BOARD OF MISSIONS

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W. M. U. ----- Mrs. Ralph Parsons
New Churches ----- W. E. Denny, R. C. Ashley, G. C. Burkett

Rev. R. C. Ashley,
Pastor Tuckerdale
Church, where
Association Met.



Tuckerdale Baptist Church

In Memoriam

APPLE GROVE — Mrs. Lee Little.
BIG FLATTS — Mrs. Ellen Parsons.
BRISTOL — Mr. Paul Mullis, Mrs. Lettie Stuart.
FRIENDLY GROVE — Mr. W. G. Miller.
GRASSY CREEK — Mr. Gerald Wood.
HEALING SPRINGS — Mrs. Maude Francis.
LANDMARK — Mrs. Callie Brooks.
LITTLE HELTON — Deacon Joseph Waddell, Mr. John Barker.
LITTLE LAUREL — Deacon A. G. Graybeal.
Obids — Mr. J. H. Colvard, Mr. C. L. Mash, Mrs. C. L. Mash.
PEAK VALLEY — Mrs. E. M. Osborne.
PLEASANT HOME — Deacon C. N. DeBoard
PLEASANT VALLEY — Deacon J. M. Ballou, Mr. J. R. Brinegar, Mr. Webb Blackburn.
ROCK CREEK — Mrs. Inez Roark.
THREE FORK — Mr. Sampson Allen.
VALLEY HOME — Mr. W. T. A. Jones.
WELCOME HOME — Mr. A. G. Witherspoon.
WEST JEFFERSON — Mr. Leb Canady, Mrs. I. E. Duncan, Mr. O. D. Freeman.

REPORT OF ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONARY

Any effort to completely define and describe the work of Associational Missions would be inadequate. Your missionary has, during the past year, led in the general promotion work, assisted in reaching the people of unchurched areas. It is the duty of your missionary to promote the program of missions in the 56 churches of the Ashe Association. We must be "Laborers together with God," as we go forward in the work.

Yes, we have gone forward. Let us look briefly at our progress during the past year.

1. 47 out of 56 churches in the Association giving through cooperative program.

2. A Deacon's School, reaching 27 churches with an average attendance of 89 each night.

3. 45 Bible School were held this summer, with an enrollment of 1,581 and an average attendance of 1,285, and a Mission Offering for Cooperative Program of \$125.85.

4. The Associational Training Union has been standard for the third consecutive year.

5. A Preacher's School was held in December with some 25 preachers attending.

6. A Central Sunday School Training School was held at West Jefferson with many of the churches of the Association represented.

7. An Associational G. A. Coronation Service with 52 girls taking part.

8. An Associational Father-Son Banquet, with 150 attending.

9. 20 Leaders and young people of the Association attending our summer assemblies at Ridgecrest, Fruitland and Seaside.

10. Quarterly meetings of the officers of the Association—

ASHE-MISSIONARY BAPTIST

Sunday School, Training Union, W. M. U., and Executive Board.

I have visited and worked in 51 of the 56 churches in the Association during the past year.

Organizational Work:

2 Training Unions, 1 Sunday School, 2 W. M. S., 1 Sunbeam, 1 G. A.

Teaching Activities:

26 Study Classes, 7 Sunday School, 6 Training Union, 13 W. M. U., Principal of 23 Bible Schools. Visitation: Homes visited, 210. Conferences: Personal, 60; General, 36; Letters and cards written, 1,125; Souls won, 6; Miles traveled, 10,766.

State Meetings Attended:

State Baptist Convention	Charlotte
State Sunday School Planning Meeting	High Point
State Training Union Planning Meeting	High Point
State Training Union Planning Meeting	High Point
Associational Missionaries Conference	Fruitland
Regional Training Union Convention	Lenoir
Regional W. M. U. Meeting	Boone
State Bible School Clinic	Fruitland
Union Training Union Enlargement Campaign	Monroe
Brushy Mountain Bible School Clinic	Wilkesboro
Caldwell Bible School Clinic	Lenoir

I deeply appreciate the privilege of serving in the capacity of your missionary and earnestly desire the prayers of the people that we may be able in some measure to fulfill the trust committed to us.

Respectfully submitted,

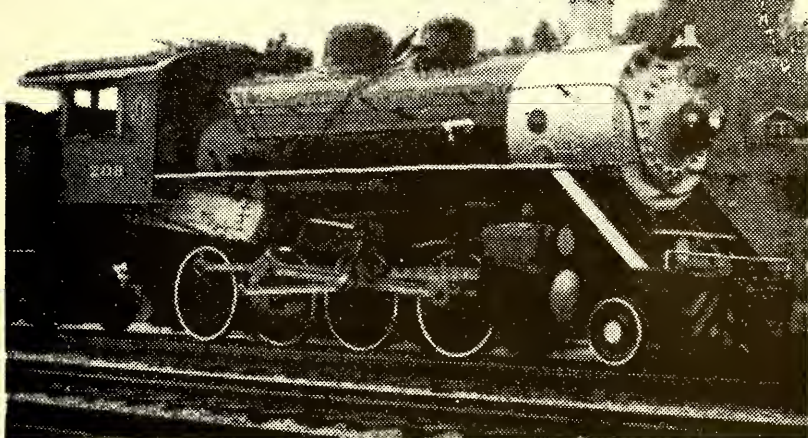
VIRGINIA DARE TEAGUE.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION REPORT

"Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." This is the key to full and complete living — a knowledge of the truth. To this ideal as set forth by our Master we must be committed as individuals, and to it our schools must be committed if they are to fulfill their mission and justify their existence.

There are several things that claim our attention with regard to Christian Education in our state. I speak of it on the college level. The first is that in recent years higher education has grown in popularity. Part of this has been due to the increase brought about through the assistance given to G. I.s by the Federal Government. There are indications, however, that those going to college will continue to increase even when the G. I. program is ended.

The second observation is the need on the part of our colleges for equipment to maintain proper standards of scholarship. The increased appropriations for state schools reflects the need as applies to them. Our Baptist schools must keep pace if they are to attract our most capable young men and



*A FORMULAR SCENE OF THE PAST
IN WEST JEFFERSON, N.C.*



REV. AND MRS. H. M. WINKLER, who were honored recently on their fiftieth wedding anniversary with a dinner given by their children. Many friends dropped in during the day to congratulate the couple.

HISTORICAL DATA OF ASHE ASSOCIATION
(Giving Dates, Places, Moderators and Clerks)

A convention was held with Buffalo Baptist church, September 24 and 25, 1886, with Rev. T. M. Honeycutt, president, and H. A. Eller, secretary, for the purpose of organizing the Ashe and Alleghany Association.

The first annual session was held with New Hope church, September 22, 23, 24, 1887. Rev. T. M. Honeycutt was Moderator, H. A. Eller, Clerk.

Apple Grove church, September 6, 7, 8, 1888. Rev. T. M. Honeycutt, Moderator, H. A. Eller, Clerk.

Landmark church, September 12, 13, 14, 1889. W. C. Fields, Moderator, H. A. Eller, Clerk.

Jefferson church, September 18, 19 and 20, 1890. W. C. Fields, Moderator, H. A. Eller, Clerk.

Sparta church, September 17, 18, 19, 1891. W. C. Fields, Moderator, H. A. Eller, Clerk.

Bethel church, September 15, 16, 17, 1892. W. C. Fields, Moderator, H. A. Eller, Clerk.

Apple Grove church, September 14, 15, 16, 1893. W. C. Fields, Moderator, H. A. Eller, Clerk.

Healing Springs church, September 13, 14, 15, 1894. W. C. Fields, Moderator, H. A. Eller, Clerk.

Liberty church, October 3, 4, 5, 1895. J. H. Doughton, Moderator, R. L. Shoaf, Clerk.

Bushy Fork church, October 1, 2, 3, 1896. J. H. Doughton, Moderator, H. A. Eller, Clerk.

Forest Home Baptist church, September 28, 29, 30, 1897. J. H. Doughton, Moderator, H. A. Eller, Clerk.

ANNUAL SESSION OF THE ASHE ASSOCIATION
(Formerly the Ashe and Alleghany Association)

Friendship church, September 27, 28, 29, 1898. James Eller, Moderator, G. L. Porter, Clerk.

New River church, September 5, 6, 7, 1899. James Eller, Moderator, G. L. Porter, Clerk.

Buffalo church, October, 9, 10, 11, 1900. James Eller, Moderator, G. L. Porter, Clerk.

Mountain View church, October 1, 2, 3, 1901. E. Tucker, Moderator, H. A. Eller, Clerk.

Bristol church, September 34, October 1, 2, 1902. E. Tucker, Moderator, H. A. Eller, Clerk.

Corinth church, November 10, 11, 12, 1903. E. Tucker, Moderator, J. F. Fletcher, Clerk.

Baptist Home church, September 12, 14, 15, 1904. E. Tucker, Moderator, J. F. Fletcher, Clerk.

Old Fields church, September 5, 6, 7, 1905. E. Tucker, Moderator, J. F. Fletcher, Clerk.

Big Laurel church, September 25, 26, 27, 1906. E. Tucker, Moderator, M. M. Blevins, Clerk.

Apple Grove church, October, 15, 16, 17, 1907. E. Tucker, Moderator, M. M. Blevins, Clerk.

Beaver Creek Church, September 8, 9, 10, 1908. E. Tucker, Moderator, M. M. Blevins, Clerk.

Mission Home church, October 5, 6, 7, 1909. J. C. Goodman, Moderator, M. M. Blevins, Clerk.

Landmark church, September 6, 7, 8, 1910. J. C. Goodman, Moderator, M. M. Blevins, Clerk.

Healing Springs church, September 5, 6, 7, 1911; J. C. Goodman, Moderator, M. M. Blevins, Clerk.

Peak Valley church, September 3, 4, 5, 1912. J. C. Goodman, Moderator, M. M. Blevins, Clerk.

Obids church, September 9, 10, 11, 1913. J. C. Goodman, Moderator, M. M. Blevins, Clerk.

Clifton church, September 8, 9, 10, 1914. J. C. Goodman, Moderator, F. R. Jones, Clerk.

Friendship church, September 7, 8, 9, 1915. J. C. Goodman, Moderator, J. W. Duncan, Clerk.

New River church, September 5, 6, 7, 1916; J. C. Goodman, Moderator, J. W. Duncan, Clerk.

Jefferson church, September 4, 5, 6, 1917. J. C. Goodman, Moderator, J. W. Duncan, Clerk.

Bald Mountain church, September 3, 4, 5, 1918. J. C. Goodman, Moderator, J. W. Duncan, Clerk.

Big Flatts church, September 9, 10, 11, 1919. J. C. Goodman, Moderator, J. W. Duncan, Clerk.

Pleasant Home church, September 7, 8, 9, 1920. J. C. Goodman, Moderator, J. W. Duncan, Clerk.

Phoenix church, September 6, 7, 8, 1921. J. C. Goodman, Moderator, J. W. Duncan, Clerk.

Bethel church, August 31, September 1, 1922. J. C. Goodman, Moderator, J. W. Duncan, Clerk.

Healing Springs church, August 30, 31, 1923. J. C. Goodman, Moderator, W. C. Johnston, Clerk.

Tuckerdale church, August 29, 30, 1924. J. C. Goodman, Moderator, J. G. Welch, Clerk.

West Jefferson church, August 28, 29, 1925. J. C. Goodman, Moderator, J. G. Welch, Clerk.

Orion church, August 27, 28, 1926. J. C. Goodman, Moderator, J. G. Welch, Clerk.

Buffalo church, August 26, 27, 28, 1927. J. C. Goodman, Moderator, Bryan Oliver, Clerk.

Landmark church, August 30, 31, September 1, 1928. J. C. Goodman, Moderator, Bryan Oliver, Clerk.

Grassy Creek church, August 30, 31, September 1, 1929. S. C. Blackburn, Moderator, Bryan Oliver, Clerk.

West Jefferson church, August 29, 30, 31, 1930. S. C. Blackburn, Moderator, Bryan Oliver, Clerk.

Liberty Grove church, August 28, 29, 30, 1931. W. E. Denny, Moderator, Bryan Oliver, Clerk.

Warrensville church, August 25, 26, 27, 1932. W. E. Denny, Moderator, Bryan Oliver, Clerk.

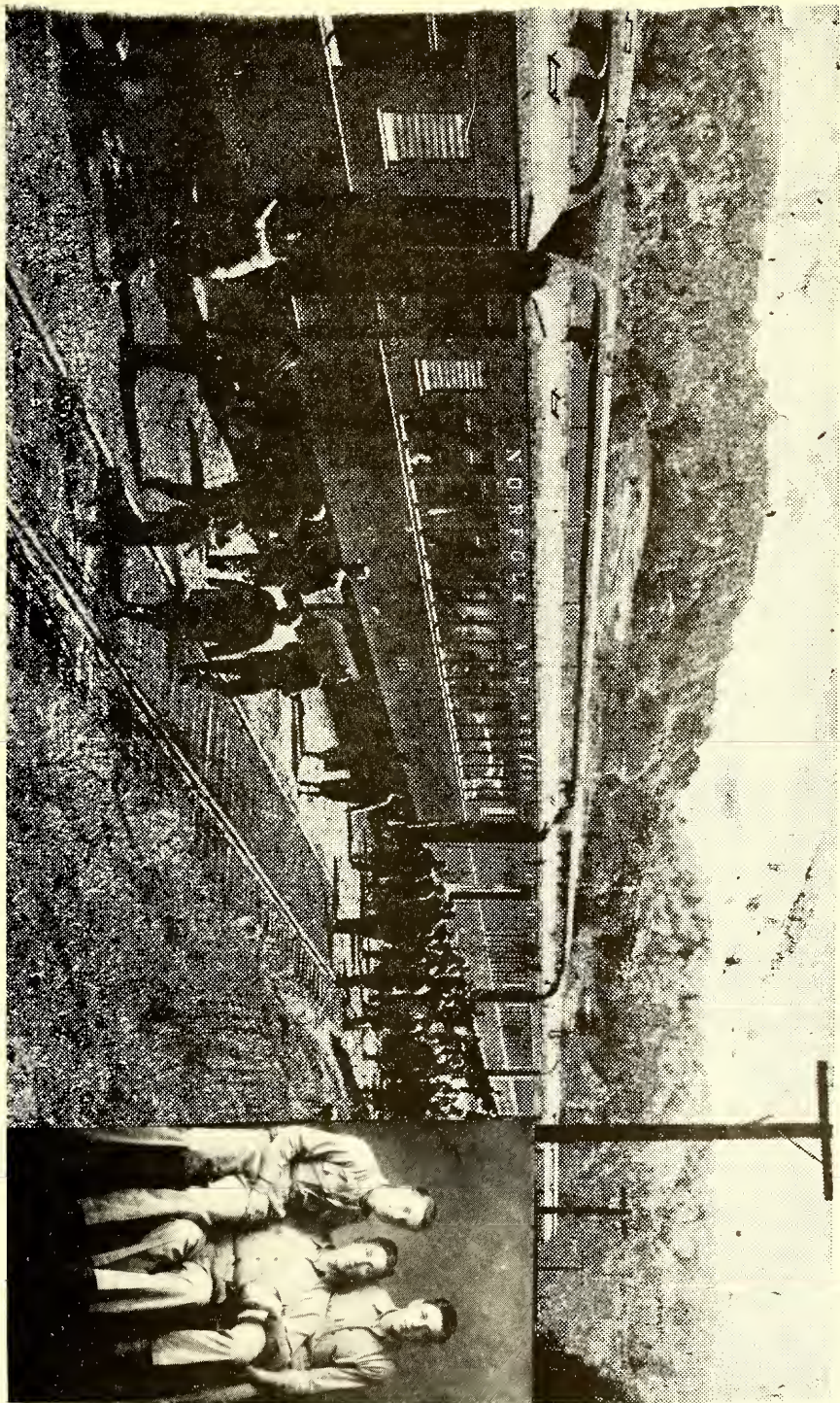
Old Fields church, August 25, 26, 27, 1933. W. E. Denny, Moderator, Bryan Oliver, Clerk.

Beaver Creek church, August 31, September 1, 2, 1934. J. C. Goodman, Moderator, W. A. Campbell, Clerk.

Healing Springs church, August 30, 31, September 1, 1935. J. C. Goodman, Moderator, W. A. Campbell, Clerk.
 Mission Home church, August 28, 29, 30, 1936. J. C. Goodman, Moderator, W. A. Campbell, Clerk.
 Welcome Home church, August 27, 28, 29, 1937. J. C. Goodman, Moderator, W. A. Campbell, Clerk.
 New River Church, August 26, 27, 28, 1938. J. C. Goodman, Moderator, W. A. Campbell, Clerk.
 Friendship church, August 25, 26, 27, 1939. J. C. Goodman, Moderator, F. L. Barker, Clerk.
 West Jefferson church, August 30, 31, September 1, 1940. J. C. Goodman, Moderator, F. L. Barker, Clerk.
 Phoenix church, August 29, 30, 31, 1941. J. C. Goodman, Moderator, C. L. Blevins, Clerk.
 Apple Grove church, August 28, 9, 30, 1942; J. C. Goodman, Moderator, C. L. Blevins, Clerk.
 Bald Mountain church, August 27, 28, 29, 1943. J. C. Goodman, Moderator, C. L. Blevins, Clerk.
 Valley Home church, August 25, 26, 27, 1944. J. C. Goodman, Moderator, C. L. Blevins, Clerk.
 Little Helton church, August 31, September 1 and 2, 1945. J. C. Goodman, Moderator, C. L. Blevins, Clerk.
 Sabbath Home church August 30, 31, and September 1. 1946. J. C. Goodman, Moderator, C. L. Blevins, Clerk.
 Clifton church, August 29, 30 and 31, 1947; J. C. Goodman, Moderator, C. L. Blevins, Clerk. ?
 Grassy Creek church, August 27, 28, and 29, 1948. J. C. Goodman, Moderator, C. L. Blevins, Clerk.
 Tuckerdale church, August 25, 26, 27, 1949. J. C. Goodman, Moderator, C. L. Blevins, Clerk.



Mr & Mrs J.E.Cheek 50th wedding anniversory
 Singing leader at Old Fields Baptist Church
 for over 50 years. 25



A SCENE OF THE PAST

4. No member shall speak more than twice on any subject except by permission of the body.

5. It shall be counted disorder for any member to stand up, leave the house or hold private conversation while any person is speaking.

CHURCH COVENANT

Having been led as we believe, by the Spirit of God, to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour, and on profession of our faith, having been baptised in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, we do now, in the presence of God, angels and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into this covenant with one another, as one body in Christ.

We engage, therefore by the aid of the Holy Spirit, to walk together in Christian love; to strive for the advancement of this church, in knowledge, holiness and comfort; to promote its prosperity and spirituality; to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline and doctrines; to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church and the relief of the poor, and the spread of the Gospel through all nations.

We also engage to maintain family and secret devotions; to religiously educate our children; to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances; to walk circumspectly in the world; to be just in our dealing, faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our deportment; to avoid all tattling, backbiting and excessive anger; to abstain from the sale and use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage, and to be zealous in our efforts to advance the kingdom of our Saviour.

We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love; to remember each other in prayer; to aid each other in sickness and distress; to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and courtesy in speech; to be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation, and mindful of the rule of our Saviour to secure it without delay.

We moreover engage that when we remove from this place we will, as soon as possible, unite with some other church, where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principals of God's Word.

Program

ASHE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

1951 SESSION

Thursday Morning, August 30, 1951

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| 9:30 | Devotional | ----- | Rev. S. S. Graybeal |
| 9:40 | Introductory Sermon | ----- | Rev. Frank Tucker |
| 10:15 | Moderator's Period | | |
| | (a) Election of officers for next sessions. | | |
| | (b) Receptions of churches and visitors. | | |
| | (c) Appointment of committees. | | |

ASHE MISSIONARY BAPTIST

- 10:30 Period of discussion of training activities in Associational Work:
 (a) Report on Associational Work and Vacation Bible Schools ----- Miss V. Dare Teague
 (b) Report on Sunday Schools ----- Lee Waddell
 (c) Report on Baptist Training Union ----- D. C. Severt
 (d) Report of Executive Committee ----- Ira T. Johnston
 (e) Report on Woman's Missionary Union ----- Mrs. Ralph Parsons
 (f) Report on Pastor's Conference -- Rev. R. C. Ashley
 (g) Report on Pastor's Salaries and Aged Minister's Relief ----- Frank McMillan
- 12:00 Recess for lunch.

Thursday Afternoon

- 1:00 Report of Pastors and Messengers on Progress and Problems.
 2:00 Sermon ----- Rev. M. D. Hart
 2:30 Miscellaneous.
 (a) Additional Reports from Churches and Visitors.
 (b) Announcements.
 (c) Open Forum Discussion.
 3:30 Adjournment.

Thursday Night

- 7:30 Special Program ----- Baptist Training Union

Friday Morning, August 31, 1951

- 9:30 Devotional ----- Rev. Smith Miller
 9:40 Period of Discussion of Denominational Causes.
 (a) State, Home and Foreign Missions ----- A. D. Goodman
 (b) Christian Education ----- Jack Graybeal
- 12:00 Recess for lunch.

Friday Afternoon

- 1:00 Denominational Causes (Continued)
 (c) Orphanage ----- Moody Hale
 (d) Hospital ----- C. E. Howell
 (e) Periodicals ----- John M. Burkett
 2:30 Sermon ----- Rev. G. C. Burkett
 3:00 Miscellaneous and Adjournment.

Friday Night

- 7:30 Special Program ----- Sunday School Division

Saturday Morning, September 1, 1951

- 9:30 Devotional ----- Rev. J. H. Gentry
 9:40 General Reports.
 (a) Temperance and Public Morals -- Rev. J. H. Gentry
 (b) American Bible Society ----- Mrs. Dwight McGrady
- 10:15 Reports of Special Committees.
 (a) Resolutions.
 (b) Finances.
 (c) Place and Preacher.
- 10:45 Miscellaneous.

11:00 Sermon ----- Rev. W. E. Denny
 12:00 Adjournment.
 Marshalls for Session: Worth Phillips, Joe McGuire and
 Turner Hantzog.

ORDAINED MINISTERS NOT SERVING AS PASTORS

Barker, W. F. -	Grassy Creek
Blevins, J. C. -	Grassy Creek
Burkett, R. M. -	----- Jefferson
Caldwell, W. H. -	----- Sparta
Campbell, J. A. -	----- Bina
Cockerham, T. -	----- Crumpler
Denny, Jesse -	Apple Grove
Denny, G. L. -	Grassy Creek
Dolinger, R. L. -	----- Sturgills
Duvall, Wayne -	----- Rugby, Va.
Eller, E. A. -	Grassy Creek
Farmer, T. A. -	----- Lansing
Gentry, J. H. -	Vest Jefferson
Goodman, C. F. -	Vest Jefferson
Goodman, Sper -	----- Oval
Hayes, T. M. -	athan's Creek
Horne, Paul -	----- Tree Top
Keller, L. N. -	----- Fleetwood
Lvall, Jesse -	----- Oval
Miller, Lee -	----- Summit
Miller, Smith -	----- Jefferson
Mullis, W. O. -	----- Jefferson
Osborne, Ray -	----- Fig
Phillips, Eugen -	----- Toliver
Powers, Arthur -	----- Lansing
Powers, E. W. -	----- W. Va.
Sexton, Robert -	----- Lansing
Shepherd, D. L. -	----- Smethport
Shepherd, G. M. -	----- Ball
Smith, Burl -	----- Jefferson
Salmons, Thom -	----- Jefferson
Spencer, J. O. -	Grassy Creek
Testerman, Lut -	----- Amy
Vannoy, Gaithe -	----- Todd
Waddell, Lee -	----- Grassy Creek
Woodie, Glenn -	----- West Jefferson
Woodruff, Robert -	----- Idlewild
Younce, C. J. -	----- Patterson

MINISTERS LICENSED THIS YEAR

John Davis -	----- Helton
Edward H. Woodie -	----- West Jefferson
Glenn Woodie -	----- West Jefferson
Calvin Miller -	----- Jefferson

Other ministers and addresses of the Association will be found in table "A" of this minute.

gram be continued permanently as a regular part of our Associational work and that it be placed under the administration of the Executive Committee.

The Sunday school report was discussed by S. S. Knisley of the Lebanon Association. Field worker of Sunday schools of Virginia. Sermon by Rev. R. C. Ashley. Text: Matt. 6-9.

Adjourned.

Prayer by Rev. H. M. Winkler.

**THURSDAY NIGHT SESSION
TRAINING UNION NIGHT
AUGUST 31, 1950, 7:30**

Theme: The Stewardship of Life.

Song Services: "I Gave Myself For Thee," "Take My Life," "Ready."

Devotional: Miss Lois Goodman.

Special Music: Friendly Grove Junior Quartet.

Message: My All For Christ — Rev. G. C. Burkett.

Installation of Officers.

Prayer of Dedication.

Pianist — Kitty Watson.

Music Director — McDaniel Harless.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION SEPT. 1, 1950

The Association met and was opened by singing by the audience, "What A Friend We Have In Jesus." Rev. T. A. Farmer conducted the devotionals by reading John 1: 1-14.

Prayer by Rev. M. D. Hart.

The report on BTU work was read by D. C. Severt and discussed by Ira T. Johnston. On motion the report was adopted.

The report on Orphanage was read by Rev. G. R. Blackburn and was discussed by Rev. E. Cleveland Wilkie, pastor of the Kennedy Home church. On motion the report was adopted.

The report of the Executive Board was read by Ira T. Johnston. The report was discussed by Ira T. Johnston and Rev. J. F. Hodgson. On motion the report was adopted.

The report on WMU work was read and discussed by Mrs. F. L. Waddell. On motion the report was adopted.

On motion the Committee on New Churches was discontinued.

On motion Pine Swamp and Wagoner churches were received into the Association.

Report on Periodicals and Christian Education were read by Rev. R. R. Campbell.

Reports were discussed by Rev. M. H. Kendall of Mars Hill College. On motion the report was adopted.

Adjourned 1 hour for lunch. Prayer by Rev. R. R. Campbell. Dinner was served to a large number.

the body during the session: Dr. W. K. McGee, of the Baptist hospital.; Rev. J. C. Canipe, Secretary of Evangelism; Grady Minton, of Three Forks Association; Hugh Kincaid, of Three Fork Association; Rev. and Mrs. J. F. Hodgson, Lebanon Association; L. S. Knisley, Missionary, Abingdon, Va., State Sunday school worker; Rev. J. R. Shumate, Lebanon Association; Rev. S. Cleveland Wilkie from the Orphanage and Rev. M. H. Kendall, of Mars Hill College.

The following committees were appointed by the Moderator:

Committee on Religious Exercises. The delegates and pastor of Healing Springs church.

Committee on Resolutions: J. G. Welch, Ira T. Johnston, and Moody Hale.

Committee to continue to nominate director of orphanage and hospital work.

Committee on Place and Preacher for next session. A. J. Blevins, Paul Phipps, J. G. Welch.

Committee to nominate the Executive Board: F. L. Waddell, Finley Miller, G. C. Burkett.

The report on hospital was discussed by Rev. W. K. McGee, Ira T. Johnston, C. E. Howell. On motion the report was adopted.

The Co-operative Program and Evangelism was very ably discussed by Rev. J. C. Canipe.

Rev. R. R. Campbell, M. D. Hart, R. C. Ashley and W. E. Denny were asked to meet to discuss an organization of Evangelism.

Adjourned.

Prayer by Rev W. E. Denny.

Dinner was served by the church and community, assisted by other churches.

The Association met and was opened by singing.

Prayer by Rev. M. D. Hart. On motion a committee on evangelism was appointed as follows: General chairman, Rev. R. R. Campbell; Organization, Miss Virginia Dano Teague; Publicity, Rev. R. C. Ashley; Prayer Meeting, Rev. G. C. Burkett; Finance, Rev. H. M. Winkler; Fellowship, Rev. M. D. Hart.

On motion it was voted to change the Constitution of the Association as follows, By striking out all of Article 9, after the word "brethren" in line two thereof and inserting in lieu thereof the following "and, or sisters whose duty it shall be to co-operate with the officers and pastors of the Association and the General Board of the Baptist State Convention in promoting and advancing the work of the denomination within the bounds of the Association in any necessary matter between sessions; and to make a report to the Association at the next annual session."

The report of the Associational Missionary was read by Miss Teague and was discussed by Rev. R. R. Campbell, and Rev. G. C. Burkett.

On motion the report was adopted.

On motion it was voted that the Associational Mission Pro-

**Rev. W. E. Denny,
Pastor Healing Springs
Church Where Associa-
tion Met.**



**Healing Springs
Baptist Church**

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August 31 - Sept. 1-2, 1950

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Rev. W. E. Denny, Vice-President Silas Creek, N. C.
C. L. Blevins, Clerk-Treasurer Crumpler, N. C.

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BOARD OF MISSIONS

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**C. L. Blevins, Retiring
Clerk For Ashe Baptist
Association.**



**D. C. Severt, New Clerk
For Ashe Baptist Associa-
tion.**

In Memoriam

BALD MOUNTAIN — Mr. J. W. Duncan.
BAPTIST HOME — Deacon Clinton Sturgill.
BLUE RIDGE — Mrs. Elizabeth Walker.
BUFFALO — Mr. W. J. Campbell.
FRANKLIN — Rev. Robert E. Ingram.
Friendly Grove — BTU Leader, Paul Hart.
FRIENDSHIP — Mrs. Bashie Burkett, Mr. Robey Poe, Mrs. Emaline Coldiron.
HEALING SPRINGS — Mr. J. S. Baker, Mr. L. W. Baker.
LANDMARK — Mrs. Celia Brooks, Mrs. Melvina Testerman, Mr. Gaither Barker, Mr. W. P. Johnson.
LITTLE HELTON — Mrs. Florence Hall.
LONG BRANCH — Mrs. Emma Stike.
MOUNTAIN VIEW — Mrs. Sinda Eastridge.
NEW RIVER — Mr. Eugene Davis, Mrs. Florence Porter, Mr. Frank Phipps.
PINE SWAMP — Rev. S. S. Phillips.
THREE FORK — Mrs. Cora Humphreys, Mr. J. H. Lewis.
VALLEY HOME — Mr. James Gentry, Mrs. Martha Miller.
WARRENSVILLE — Mr. Riley Turnmyre.
WEST JEFFERSON — Mr. Robert Keys, Mrs. L. S. Vannoy, Mr. Zeb V. Gambill.

REPORT OF THE ASHE MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION

The Ashe Ministerial Association has met regularly, each fifth Saturday in conference for the past year, with good attendance and well - planned programs. We feel that progress is being made in the Association.

The regular school for preachers was conducted this year at the West Jefferson church. The school was a great success with Dr. J. R. Mosley, of Macon, Ga.; Dr. Howard Ford and Rev. J. C. Pipes as teachers. The attendance of this school was among the best we have yet experienced.

We look forward to the coming year for another school.

This conference has done much to promote the buliding of the new wing to the hospital and the moving of Wake Forest College to Winston - Salem.

We look forward to another successful year with more preachers being added to the conference and more ministers placed in the pastoral work.

The Executive Board of the Association has met regularly with the conference, and added much to its success.

At the last meeting Rev. H. M. Wnkler was re-elected as Moderator and R. C. Ashley as secretary, for the coming year.

Respectfully submitted, R. C. Ashley.

Obituary

HOWARD PAUL HART

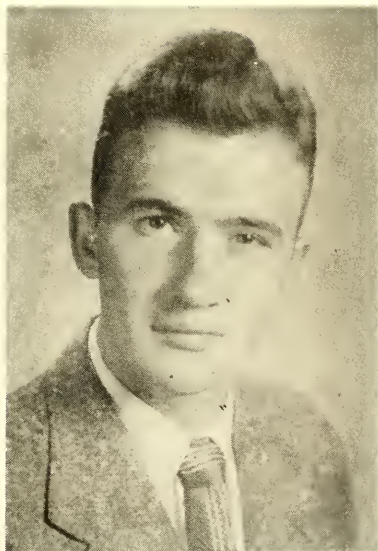
Howard Paul Hart, son of Rev. and Mrs. M. D. Hart, was born November 22, 1928. Died March 17, 1950. His age being 21 years, 3 months and 25 days.

He leaves his parents, one sister, Mrs. Austin Spencer, of Sturgills, N. C., three brothers: Garland, Junior and Carroll, all of the home in West Jefferson. Also a large number of friends, schoolmates and relatives.

Paul professed faith in Christ and was baptised into the fellowship of Tuckerdale Baptist church, July 23, 1947. He later moved his membership to the Friendly Grove Baptist church where he became an active member. He was active in the Training Union and other organizations of the church. Paul remained a faithful and loyal member until his death. His untimely going came as a surprise and a shock to the family and his many friends.

Even though Paul's physical body has ceased to function, he is not dead to his family, friends, and schoolmates; because his influence will live always in the home, in the church, in the school and in the community as a shining example of a good son, a loving brother, a spiritual personage, and a good citizen.

Wherever duty called Paul met it nobly. He was fully prepared for another state of existence. His reward will be one for a life well spent on earth.



REMARKS CONCERNING THE SCHOOL ACTIVITIES OF PAUL HART.

By Robert Davis, Principal
West Jefferson High School

Paul came to West Jefferson school as a transfer student from Lansing. We welcomed him, but had little thought at the time that he would soon become perhaps our most valuable student. However, it was not long before his good personality, clean habits, worthwhile ambitions, spirit of cooperation, his desire to help himself and to share with others, his honesty, good judgment and self-reliance became a working part of the school.

Paul received honors during his junior year, but it was during his senior year that he truly came into his own. Some of the extra-curricular activities in which he participated were: Junior year — Member boy's basketball team and president of junior class.

His time was well filled during this, his senior year. In addition to a regular academic load he was selected as a sports reporter for the school paper; was a member of the advertising staff of the paper; appointed manager of boys' basketball team; elected business manager of the school yearbook; elected president of the senior class; elected president of the student council.

Paul was popular with both boys and girls. His teachers felt honored to have him in class. He merited the confidence and respect which he had from all students and the faculty. Paul liked and respected both students and faculty. They, in turn, liked and respected him.

We cannot describe Paul's school life and activities better than to say "he was a gentleman."

Paul Hart was registered to enter Gardner Webb College in September 1950. He wanted to graduate from there and also from Wake Forest College. To prepare himself to teach in College.

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Rev. G. C. Burkett	Jefferson, N. C.
Ballard Harless	West Jefferson, N. C.
Worth Phillips	Idlewild, N. C.
Rev. Frank Tucker	Clifton, N. C.
Mrs. Ralph C. Parsons	West Jefferson, N. C.
D. C. Severt	West Jefferson, N. C.
Rev. Lee Waddell	Sturgills, N. C.
Rev. H. M. Winkler	Todd, N. C.

STANDING COMMITTEES FOR 1951

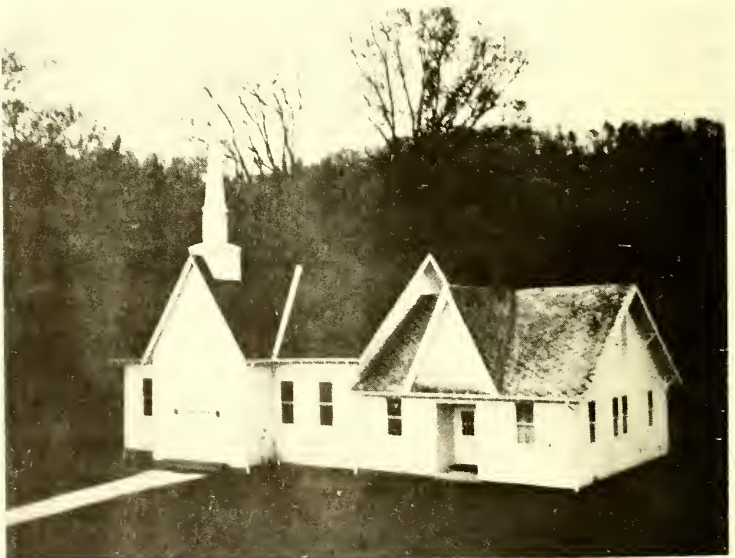
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REV. S. S. GRAYBEAL is
pastor of the Old Fields Bap-
tist church.

**OLD FIELDS BAPTIST
CHURCH**, scene of the 1951
sessions of the Ashe Mis-
sionary Baptist Association.

ORGANIZED IN 1803



Many of us are taking the daily newspaper and several magazines, and leaving out our two denominational papers, the Biblical Recorder and Charity and Children. We need to urge our folks to get in line as Baptist and subscribe for them or have them placed in our church budget.

Respectfully submitted
John M. Burkett

REPORT ON ASHE MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION

The Ashe Ministerial Association has met regularly for the past year, with an increased interest in each meeting.

Through the efforts of this organization the Evangelistic Crusade was sponsored in the Association, reaching nearly every church during the months of February, March and April.

The annual school was held at Phoenix, for the Ministers and Church Workers. This was attended by a large number of Ministers, Church Workers and visitors. Meals were served by the church. The teachers for this school were:

Dr. Bond of Boone; Dr. Young, from the Baptist Hospital, and Rev. J. C. Pipes from Asheville.

We look forward to another school of this kind which we feel is a very helpful meeting to all our people.

At our last meeting of the Ministerial Association and the Executive Board, Rev. H. M. Winkler was elected as moderator; Rev. G. C. Burkett, vice president and R. C. Ashley as secretary.

The Association voted to change the meeting from each Fifth Saturday to the Saturday before the Fourth Sunday in each month.

Respectfully submitted,
R. C. Ashley, Secretary

SPECIAL RESOLUTION

WHEREAS: 1. We have so few messengers at night and Saturday morning sessions; 2 That it is unfair to speakers to ask them to come to speak to empty pews.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, 1. That the matter of limiting our Association to a two-day session be made a preferred item of business at the next session of the body.

Presented by Rev. R. C. Ashley and on motion, adopted.

TRAINING UNION REPORT

The Ashe Baptist Associational Training Union organization seeks to organize a church training program in every Baptist church in the Association and to discover and train leaders. It also tries to help each church, through a Training Union program, to provide a place where every member may grow, develop and become active in the service of

ASHE MISSIONARY BAPTIST

the Lord, and of His church. We are happy to submit the following report of our work for 1951 and goals for 1952.

1. Your Associational officers have held four program planning meetings, four officers and leaders' council meetings to improve and inspire leadership; three association-wide mass meetings and a number of group meetings.

2. In recognition of these meetings and other duties performed our Association became standard nearly five years ago and has continued so up to the present time.

3. At our last mass meeting held at Friendship, the following officers were elected by those present and will be our officers for the coming year when and if approved by the Association: pastor advisor, Rev. G. C. Burkett; director, D. C. Severt; associate director, Rev. R. C. Ashley; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. Irene Campbell; chorister, Ballard Harless; pianist, Clark Houck; adult leader, C. M. Payne; young people's leader, McDaniel Harless; intermediate leader, Miss Mary Jordan; junior leader, Mrs. Eugenia Blackburn; story hour leader, Mrs. Myrtle Harless; group directors, Geter Roten, Oscar L. Goss, Rex Blevins, B. F. Cook, Rev. J. H. Gentry, Grover Marsh and Dewey Campbell.

4. Three new Training Unions were organized, one at Bald Mountain, one at Mission Home and one at Three Forks churches.

5. The Regional T. U. Convention for region No. 7, composed of thirteen associations, met in our association at West Jefferson as host church.

6. A T. U. Revival was also a highlight, led by Perry L. Morgan and Miss Mable Starnes. Sixteen workers spent a whole week in a number of our churches.

7. Goals for 1952: Four new Training Unions, a Study Course in all the churches with T. U. and in half the churches that do not have a T. U. Seven hundred and fifty Study Course awards for our Association. Also to sponsor all activities that our denomination stands for.

Respectfully submitted,

D. C. Severt

Associational T. U. Director

ASHE ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONARY REPORT

Sept. 1, 1950 - May 31, 1951

Church-Type of Work Done in Each Church

Apple Grove—Prayer Meeting and Visitation, 1.

Bald Mountain—Training Union Study Course, 5; Charge of Worship service, 1; Revival Meeting, 2.

Baptist Home—Visited Sunday School, 1.

Beaver Creek—Sunday School Planning Meeting, 1.

Bethel—Taught Sunday School Class. 1; Worship Service, 1.

Bristol—Taught Training Union Study Course, 5; Worship Service, 2; Taught Sunday School Class, 2; S. S. Study Course, 5.

Buffalo—Sunday School and Worship Service, 1.

Clifton—Worship Service, 1; B. T. U. Organizational Meeting, 1.

Friendly Grove—Revival Services, 4; T. U. Study Course, 5; Religious Census, 2; Charge of Prayer Meeting, 2; Mission Study Classes, 4.

Friendship—Religious Census, 2; Revival Meeting, 3; Charge of Prayer Meeting, 2; Worship Service, 1.

Grassy Creek—Religious Census, 2; Revival Meeting, 3; Worship Service, 1.

Little Helton—Religious Census, 1; Worship Service, 1.

Mission Home—T. U. Study Course, 5; Religious Census, 2; Revival Services, 2.

Mount Olive—S. S. Planning Meeting, 1.

New River—T. U. Study Course, 5; S. S. Planning Meeting, 1; Religious Census, 2; Worship Service, 1.

Old Fields—T. U. Study Course, 5; W. M. S. Mission Study, 6; Religious Census, 2; Worship Service, 2; Sunday School Study Course, 5.

Peak Valley—S. S. Planning Meeting, 1; Taught S. S. Class, 1; Worship Service, 1.

Phoenix—W. M. S. Mission Study, 5; Religious Census, 2; Revival Service, 3.

Pine Swamp—Worship, 1.

Pleasant Branch—Religious Census, 1.

Rock Creek—Worship Service, 1.

Smethport—Week of Bible Study, 5; Taught S. S. Class, 5; Training Union Study Course, 5; Worship, 2.

Three Forks—Sunday School, 1; Worship, 1.

Warrensville—T. U. Study Course, 5; Revival Services, 2; Worship, 2.

West Jefferson—T. U. Study Course, 5; W. M. S. Mission Study Classes, 8; Revival Services, 10; Attended Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions, Home Missions, State Missions.

Pleasant Home—Religious Census, 2.

Sturgills—Religious Census, 2.

Associational Efforts

W. M. U. Mission Study Institute—West Jefferson, 1.

W. M. U. Leadership Conference, 1.

Pastor's Conference, 3.

Pastor's School—Phoenix, 5.

Monthly T. U. Meetings and Council, 9.

Associational Sunday School Meetings, 6.

Vacation Bible School Clinic, 1.

Associational Efforts Continued

Evangelistic Crusade Planning Meetings, 6.
Central Stewardship Night—West Jefferson, 1.
County Home, 5. (Arranged for other groups).
Regional Training Union Banquet, 1.
Banquet for Christian Volunteer Band.

Meetings Outside The Association Attended By Missionary

W. M. U. Council Meeting—Raleigh, 2.
Training Union Officers Meeting—High Point, 1.
Baptist State Convention—Durham, 3.
Regional Training Union Meeting—West Jefferson, 2.
T. U. Enlargement Campaign—South Fork Association, 5.
S. S. Enlargement Campaign—Catawba River, 5.
S. S. Associational Officers Meeting—Morganton, 1.
Vacation Bible School Clinic—Fruitland, Took 2.
Associational Missionary Conference—Fruitland, 3.

Conference Held in Interest of Associational Work

Individual—47 Group—35 Committee—12.

I traveled 8,248 miles, wrote 1,210 cards and letters.

“Speak unto the children of Israel that they go forward”—Exodus 14:15.

Respectfully submitted

Virginia Dare Teague

REPORT OF THE W. M. U.

As we briefly glance back over the past year, our hearts are filled with gratitude, and with the psalmist we can say, “O give thanks unto the Lord for He is good.” We praise God for consecrated leaders and co-workers: for through their efforts and cooperation the work has gone forward.

Our major emphasis this year has been to lay the foundation for new organizations in as many churches as possible. Many have shown great interest in this and we trust that others will join hands and hearts with us in this important step forward.

We have had no new organizations this year, but we do feel that the seed has been sown, and the way paved for at least two. Our prayer is that they will be able to carry on to the end of the calendar year.

We have had 17 mission study classes with 122 enrolled and 114 approved mission books have been read.

We are trying to give ourselves increasingly to the study of the world and its people, its needs, its opportunities, its possibilities and our personal relation to them in the majestic enterprise of establishing Christ's Kingdom of love on this earth. 212 members took part in community missions activities—ministering to the needy, distributng

religious literature, conducting services at the county home and personal soul-winning.

We are happy to report a steady growth in stewardship. We feel that more and more we are becoming aware of the larger stewardship of life.

Under our new plan of reporting our women report the number of people who contribute to the cooperative program rather than the amount contributed. Our gifts to special offerings amounted to \$541.94 and we have 89 people who contribute to the cooperative program regularly through the church. We do put much emphasis on cooperative program gifts. We have suffered in all our organizations because of the loss of our lovely and capable leader, Miss Dare Teague, but notwithstanding God has wrought and we must seek His help in securing some one to serve in her place.

Again we are humbled by the size of our efforts, and yet as we realize ourselves to be co-workers with God, we strain to comprehend the infinite possibilities in his hands of even two or three lives whom the master may use to his glory, as we again go to our knees to confess our shortcomings we rise strengthened as we feel his acceptance of each service and ministry gladly rendered in his name and hear the reassuring, "Lo I am with you always."

Our annual meeting held with the Warrensville Church was a definite expression of the spirit at work to quicken and enrich our lives. The influence still radiates.

We had with us at our meeting our divisional superintendent, Mrs. Earl C. James from Elkin, our associate superintendent, Mrs. R. T. McNiel from North Wilksboro, our state young peoples' secretary, Miss Hilda Mayo from Raleigh and a Missionary from Africa.

Officers installed are Supt., Mrs. Ralph C. Parsons; associate Supt., Mrs. F. L. Waddell, Bina; secretary, Mrs. J. T. McMillan, West Jefferson; community missions chairman, Mrs. F. I. McGrady, West Jefferson; Mission Study chairman, Mrs. R. C. Shoaf, Warrensville; Royal Ambassador counselor, Rev. R. C. Ashley, Warrensville; Literature chairman, Mrs. Adolphus Homby, Idlewild.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Ralph C. Parsons.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Why is Christian education so important? Why should I send my boy or girl to a Baptist school? You may have asked this same question. If you haven't, you may ask it sometime in the future. Now is the time to begin thinking about it, and to decide for yourself why it is so important to obtain a Christian education.

I have often been asked the question as to why Wake Forest College students were so friendly, and the best answer I can give is be-

cause of the Christian atmosphere which prevails on the campus. Every student in our Baptist schools is required to complete a certain number of hours in religious instruction. Participation in religious activities on the campus is stressed along with competent school work. To get down to the point in one brief statement, it seems that a Christian education develops in a person a well rounded and pleasing personality that makes that person stand out among any group. program has grown to include seven fine colleges with a total enrollment of 5,000 or more.

Baptists began a program of Christian education in North Carolina in 1834, with the founding of Wake Forest College. Since then our program has grown to include seven fine colleges with a total enrollment of 5,000 or more.

Too many people have the misleading opinion that Christian education is necessary only for those who are to become ministers or missionary workers. This is not true. Our greatest need in this unsettled time is men and women of Christian faith to assume the parts of leadership in our industries, our schools, and our government. This kind of leadership will promote peace in our world when everything else fails.

North Carolina Baptists have a chance to participate in the greater development of one of our institutions of higher learning, the expansion of Wake Forest College. This movement will certainly be a cultural and educational help to our part of the state. Support it without hesitation. The accumulation of sufficient funds for capital improvements and the acquisition of sufficient endowment to guarantee the financial stability of our institutions continues to be among their most serious problems.

Baptists, wake up to the opportunities that lie before you. Support your church and institutions. Christian education lies in your hands, so don't let your young people down. Encourage them to attend Christian institutions. Above all you must recognize the fact that investment in the education of Christian young people is next in importance only to soul winning.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Graybeal

REPORT ON PERIODICALS

No doubt many of us Baptists know that we have two church periodicals. Do we read them? Many of us do not. Why? We are not taking them.

Why should we read them? There is greater need today than ever before in keeping pace with our Baptist prog.am. Let's keep in touch with God's great work.

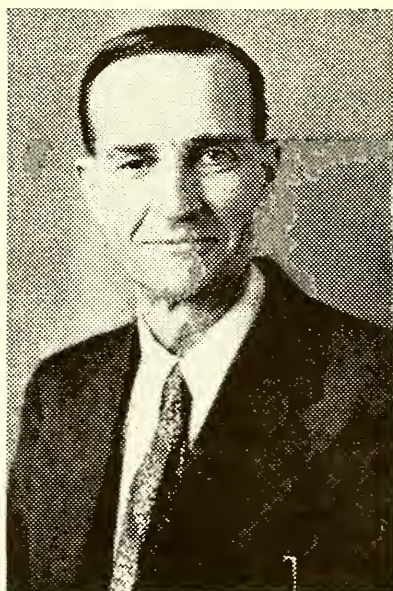
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OLD FIELDS

V.B.S.



PROFESSOR J. C. GOODMAN,
retiring moderator of Ashe Mis-
sionary Baptist Association and
to whom this issue is dedicated.

REV. W. E. DENNY was elect-
ed moderator of the Ashe Mis-
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VIRGINIA DARE TEAGUE

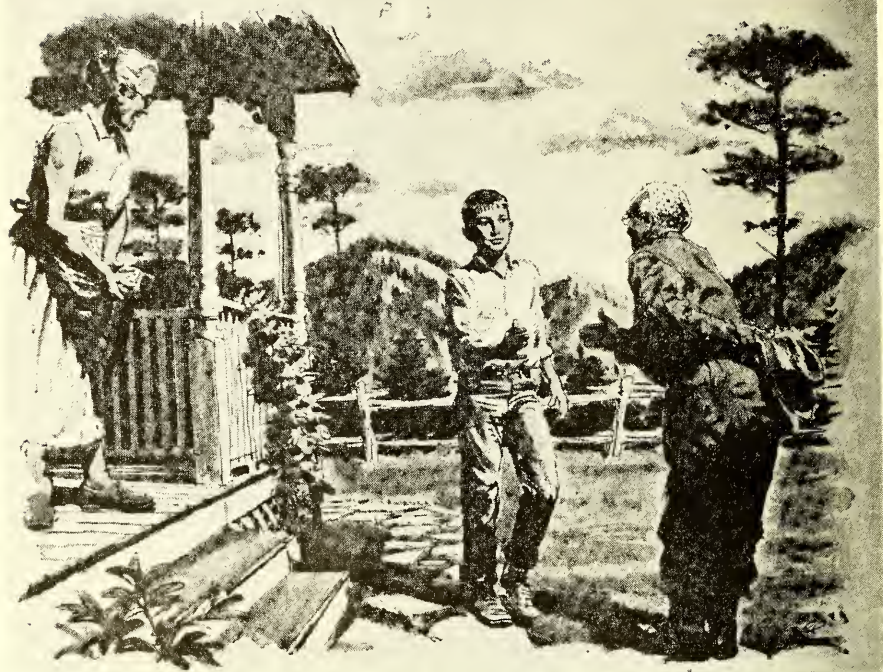
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HIGHLIGHTS-The Honor of being the first Associational Missionary, working V.B.S Schools (Sometimes 3 per day) Working with Young people, and attending Training Union weeks at Ridgecrest. Staying in the homes of the people of the 'community and how they accept me with love and gave me the best they had. The cooperation and fellowship of the pastors of the Association will never be forgotten.

Virginia Dare. Teague

This information in this volume has been hard to get. It has also been hard to sell. Yet in years to come, it will be a treasured possession. The first History by Rev. J. F. Fletcher had this problem. Now to be a most valued treasure.

I have spent \$300.00 my personal, getting the manuscripts processed, advertised and sold. m.r. / / et



*Dr. Oddie Cox
Takes our boy's Camping.*



Dare Teague, Holds Mission Bible
School (Black Baptist) Bristol
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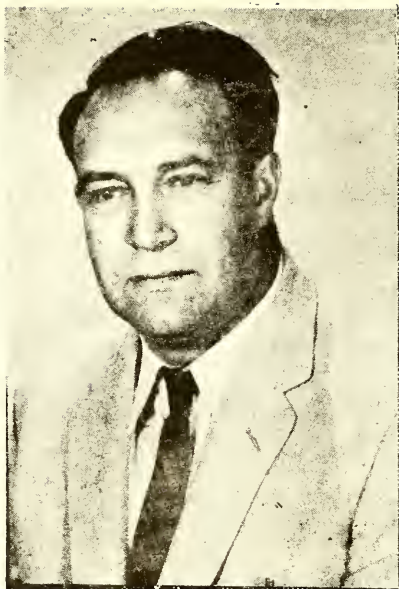
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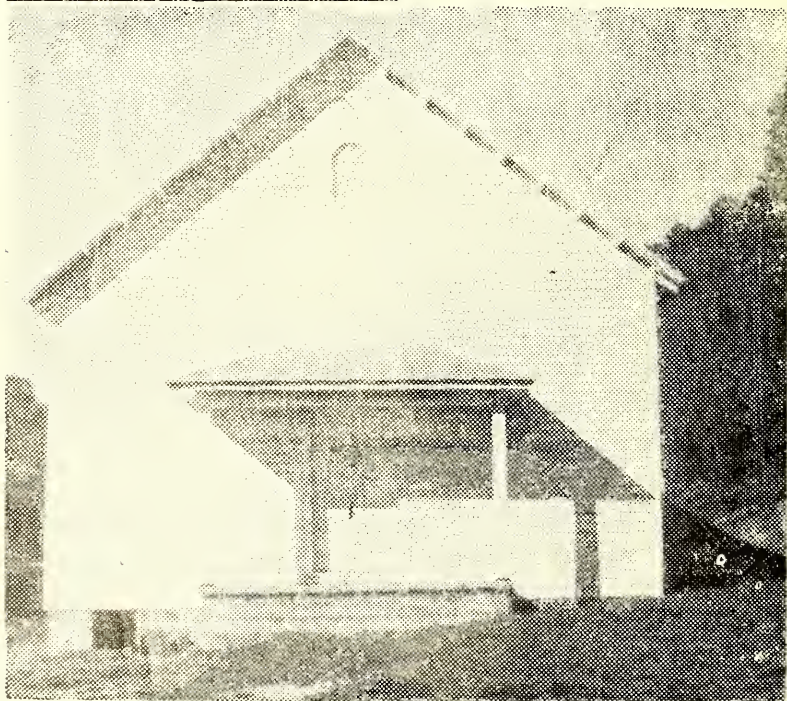
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**Rev. Paul Phipps, pastor of
Long Branch Baptist church.**

**Long Branch Baptist Church,
scene of 66th Annual Session of Association.**



**ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONARY'S REPORT
FOR ASSOCIATIONAL YEAR**

1952

There is little I can report as my work for the past year. I have tried to walk humbly and be led by the divine hand of God. It is not my work, but God's and the other individuals of Ashe County, such as pastors, superintendents, men and women and children, which had accomplished all that has been wrought. I feel I have had the support and backing from all the churches in the Association, along with most every member.

My part in the effort of carrying other Associational Mission Program is as follows:

I. Churches attended, 56

CHURCHES	TRIPS	CHURCHES	TRIPS
Apple Grove	6	Mountain View	5
Bald Mountain	6	Mount Olive	9
Baptist Home	3	New River	8
Beaver Creek	5	North Beaver	9
Bethel	13	Oak Hill	2
Big Flatts	12	Obids	4
Big Laurel	7	Old Fields	5
Blue Ridge	2	Orion	5
Bristol	12	Peak Valley	11
Buffalo	9	Phoenix	12
Chestnut Hill	4	Pilot Mountain	6
Clifton	9	Pine Swamp	7
Fairview	3	Pleasant Branch	0
Farmer Memorial	6	Pleasant Chapel	5
Franklin	0	Pleasant Home	2
Friendly Grove	11	Pleasant Valley	1
Friendship	4	Rock Creek	3
Glendale	8	Round Knob	8
Grassy Creek	8	Sabbath Home	9
Healing Springs	8	Smeport	9
Landmark	8	Sturgills	1
Laurel Hill	1	Three Forks	6
Laurel Knob	14	Tuckerdale	1
Liberty Grove	7	Valley Home	9
Liberty Hill	6	Wagoner	10
Little Helton	8	Warrensville	1
Long Branch	14	Welcome Home	1
Mission Home	16	West Jefferson	11
		West Pine Swamp	6

- II. Number of visits or trips to churches, 383.
Visits to other churches outside Association, 26.
- III. Number of sermons preached, 87.
- IV. Sunday School classes taught, 13.
- V. Planning meetings: Associational, 29; Regional 4; State, 4.
- VI. Other services; 1 Decoration, 7 funerals, 2 schools, 1 Bible School clinic, 1 revival, 1 pastors school.
- VII. Vacation Bible Schools, 29; Study courses, 24.
- IX. Visits to homes of pastors, superintendents and leaders, 341.
- X. Organization; B. T. U., 3; R. A., 1; G. A., 1 and W. M. U., 1.
- XI. Correspondence, letters, 1087; cards, 224 and bulletins, 2487.
- XII. Conversions, 58; rededications, 3 and new church members, 48.
- XIII. Miles traveled, 23,547.

I have encouraged the following in all our churches: cooperative program; church building; Sunday Schools, Training Union, W. M. U., G. A., R. A., Brotherhood; budgets, fulltime churches, stewardship, Mission, Hospital, Orphanage, and all phases of the Baptist work. From an Associational standpoint the results are as follows: Sunday School Revival with 23 churches participating; Better Bible teaching clinic with 19 churches participating; Group study courses for Associational Sunday School officers with all except one taking part; B. T. U. Mass meeting with 878 Attending; Bible School clinic with 24 churches participating; a bible school in 56 churches and a colored mission school, with an enrollment of 1694, and giving \$235.47 to the cooperative program.

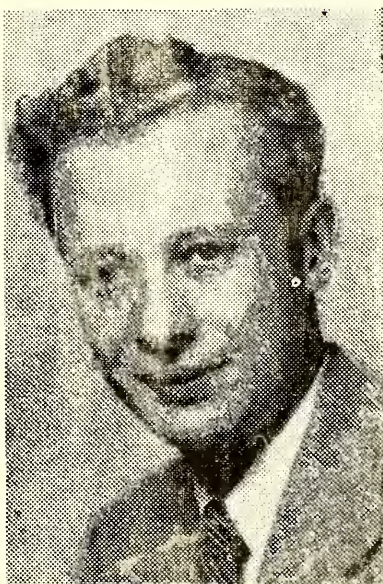
Respectfully submitted,
Rev. E. J. Jenkins
Associational Missionary





D. C. Severt retiring clerk-treasurer of Ashe Missionary Baptist Association.

McDaniel Harless, newly elected clerk-treasurer of Ashe Missionary Baptist Association.



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PLEASANT HOME—Mrs. C. N. DeBoard
PROSPERITY—Robie Snider, Nola Snider
ROCK CREEK—Irvin Osborne
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our hearts as they spoke to us of our responsibility to learn the needs of the world and to supply the greatest need—a knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. Officers installed are: supt., Mrs. Ralph C. Parsons; associate supt., Mrs. F. L. Waddell, Bina; secretary, Mrs. J. T. McMillan, West Jefferson; community missions chairman, Mrs. G. N. Olliver, West Jefferson; mission study chairman, Mrs. R. C. Shoaf, Warrensville; Royal Ambassador Counselor, Rev. R. C. Ashley, Warrensville; literature chairman, Mrs. Adolphus Hamby, Idlewild.

We need courage and faith to meet the demands of the day. We should and we must go forward this year in the strength and in the name of the Lord. We must pray more, evangelize more, give more, and serve more and better than we have ever done before. The words of this verse should challenge us to do better in 1953.

"Today is ours—let's live it
And love is strong—let's give it
A song can help—let's sing it
And peace is dear—let's bring it
The past is done—don't rue it
Our work is here—let's do it
The world is wrong—let's right it
If evil comes—let's fight it
The road is rough—let's clear it
The future vast—don't fear it
Is faith asleep? Let's wake it.
Today is ours—let's take it."



Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Ralph C. Parsons, Superintendent

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Baptists of North Carolina should be proud of the two senior and five junior colleges in the State. Besides these, we have the Southeastern Seminary at Old Wake Forest and the School of Nursing at Winston-Salem.

Last year these schools enrolled approximately 5,000 boys and girls. If we are to judge the future by the past, out of such young people will come the leaders of the future. These are figures on what has happened in the past: of the 827 missionaries supported by our Foreign Mission Board, 806 had their training in a Southern Baptist College. Five out of six college trained pastors were trained in our own schools. 72% of the college trained Sunday School teachers, officers and leaders of our churches came from these same schools. So we may be sure that out of the approximately 1250 boys and girls who finish in our Baptist Schools each year will come our church leaders for tomorrow.

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The tragedy is that so few of our fine young people in Ashe County attend our schools. So far as I can find this year only one new student from the county will enter one of our schools.

Our State Schools are fine, they are doing a good job, and we are justly proud of them and of the work they are doing. But with all their good qualities they do not stress the spiritual side of life. We, as Baptists, would be first to object to any move by them into the field of religion.

Now our schools have more varied courses. A few years ago when a young man went to Wake Forest, most people thought he was making a preacher. Now we have one of the finest schools of medicine at Bowman Gray that there is in the South. Our school of nursing connected with our own hospital is equal to the best. One only has to take a look at the Federal judges, Superior court judges, lawyers and statesmen to realize what our law school has been doing in the past. Many of our finest teachers had training in a Baptist College. The same is true of other professions, on down the line.

Now at our own Baptist College, Baylor University, is offering Doctor degrees in fields other than Theology.

Our schools are growing in size as well as expanding the courses to cover a wider field.

With the building of the new Wake Forest at Winston-Salem, and the conversion of the old Wake Forest into the facilities for many more students, I would like to insist that each of us do the following things: first, that we try to encourage our young people who are going to college to go to our schools. If they cannot get the courses they want, they can at least spend two years in some of our junior colleges where they can get a back-ground in religious training before going on to some other school. Second, that we support our schools with our money; and third, that we support them with our prayers.

Respectfully submitted, A. D. Goodman

REPORT ON ASHE MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION

The ministers and church workers of the Ashe Association have met regularly during the past year, on Saturday before the fourth Sunday, with well planned programs in interest of the church work.

The ministers also engaged in a full week study in the Preacher's school. This school was conducted at West Jefferson Baptist Church, with three visiting teachers. We feel that this school is a great help to all our ministers and that we should take advantage of it.

Rev. H. M. Winkler was nominated as moderator, Rev. G. C. Burkett as vice-moderator and R. C. Ashley as secretary.

Respectfully submitted, R. C. Ashley, secretary

It is the business of our Hospital to do all in its power to say, "Yes", to these pleas which come out of sickness and poverty. It is our opportunity through our Mother's Day Offerings to make it possible for our Hospital to answer these calls for help from those who have little or no money. Last year, more than 10,000 people were cared for as bed patients in our Hospital. There were 95,000 visits made to the clinics for examinations and treatments. A large number of these were people who could not pay for the care they received. Much of this service could not have been provided without the help of our Mother's Day Offerings.

The construction of the new wing to the Hospital is now well advanced. This will greatly enlarge our ministry to the sick, adding 150 new beds and many other badly needed facilities. It is hoped that before this year closes every one of our churches will have done its part in helping with the cost of this building.

Our Baptist State Convention will meet in Winston-Salem, November 11-13. This will be an excellent opportunity for many of us to visit our Hospital. We shall be interested in seeing the new building, as well as the entire Hospital. Arrangements will be made for visitors to get from the meetings of the Convention to the Hospital and for guided tours through the Hospital. Plan to attend the convention and visit our Baptist Hospital if at all possible.

Jesus said, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me"—(Matt. 25:40). Let us give our best in the name of our Lord in meeting the opportunity to help sick people who need the service of our Baptist Hospital.

Hospital Representative,
C. E. Howell

IN MEMORIAM

PROF. J. C. GOODMAN 1878-1952

BRO. J. G. WELCH 1884-1951

Your committee has been charged with a responsibility of preparing in some suitable tribute to the memory of these two great men who have lived among us and who have entered into their eternal rewards. They were so similar in their backgrounds, in their contributions to the life of their county, in their work and devotion to the cause of the Master whom both of them served so well and so faithfully. Both of them were natives of Ashe County, their love and concern for the county and its people was unquestioned; both of them were associated with the educational life of our people for they were teachers in the public schools of the county, Prof. Goodman for more than forty years. Both of these men served the Master through the Baptist cause in the

county, Prof. Goodman for a total of 35 years as Moderator of the Ashe Baptist Association and Bro. Welch for three years as Clerk and Treasurer. Both served well in the local church, giving encouragement, wise counsel and of their time and means toward the advancement of the cause of Christ, Bro. Welch as a Deacon in his church and also served in other capacities. Bro. Goodman was a most efficient superintendent and teacher in the Sunday School. They leave for us the fragrance of lives well lived and the benediction of peace with God.

A paraphrase of Edwin Markham's "Lincoln, the Man of the People" is a fitting tribute to them:

"The color of the ground was in him, the red earth,
The smack and tang of elemental things:
The rectitude and patience of the cliff,
The good-will of the rain that loves all leaves,
The friendly welcome of the wayside well,
The courage of the bird that dares the sea,
The gladness of the wind that shakes the corn
The pity of the snow that hides all scars,
The secrecy of the streams that make their way
Under the mountain to the rifted rock,
The tolerance and equity of light
That gives as freely to the shrinking flower
As to the great oak flaring to the wind--
To the grave's low hill as to the Matterhorn
That shoulders out the sky.
He held his place--
Held the long purpose like a growing tree--
Held on through blame and faltered not at praise--
Towering in calm rough-hewn sublimity.
And when he fell in whirlwind, he went down
As when a lordly cedar, green with boughs,
Goes down with a great shout upon the hills,
And leaves a lonesome place against the sky."

—Edwin Markham

Respectfully submitted,

R. R. Campbell

R. C. Ashley

John Goodman

SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS

Whereas Brothers Ira T. Johnston and D. C. Severt has given up important positions in the association, Brother Johnston who has served as chairman of the executive board for many years

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and Brother Severt who has served as clerk and treasurer, two years and on the executive board.

Therefore, be it resolved that the Ashe Association in regular session, extend our appreciation to the these brethern for their fine service and co-operation by a standing vote and having a copy of this resolution printed in the minutes of the association.

Be it further resolved that we extend our prayers and co-operation to them as the Lord leads them into other positions of equal importance, in the Association.

Respectfully submitted,
R. C. Ashley.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

We wish to submit the following as members of the executive committee: Rev. M. D. Hart, Rev. G. C. Burkett, Ballard Harless Worth Phillips and Rev. Frank Tucker.

Respectfully submitted,
R. D. Fletcher
Clarence Ball

PLACE AND PREACHER COMMITTEE

We the committee to select place and preacher for the next session of the Ashe Association do select Glendale Spring Church; Rev. R. C. Ashley as preacher and Rev. G. C. Burkett as alternate.

Respectfully submitted,
H. M. Winkler
C. E. Howell
Walter Day

REV. J. R. SHUMATE



Annual Pastors School
At Mars Hill College



*Dr. Hopkins was Ordained to preach by the
First Baptist Church, West Jefferson N. C.*

Division of Evangelism

JULIAN S. HOPKINS, Director

The Division of Evangelism endeavors to do two things. First, to keep before the Baptists of North Carolina objectives that will guide us into the practice of evangelism as commanded by Jesus, our Lord and Saviour. Second, to help the leadership in the churches, in the district associations and in the Convention to be alerted to the best ways and means for reaching these objectives, and to be inspired for the task.

OVER-ALL OBJECTIVES

TO SEEK and follow the guidance of the Holy Spirit in the implementation of New Testament evangelism among the Baptists of North Carolina.

TO EMPHASIZE at all times and in all places the necessity for the spiritual birth to be experienced by every person before being baptized.

TO COOPERATE with all divisions and departments of the Convention in finding ways and means of getting and maintaining the spirit and practice of evangelism (witnessing unto Christ) in every phase of the total Baptist program in North Carolina.

IMMEDIATE OBJECTIVES

TO HELP the churches in the Convention develop their members in faithful witnessing unto Christ and into becoming active participants in God's total redemptive purpose.

TO AID every association in its united efforts in evangelism to reach every person for Christ in its territory.

TO STRESS the need for full dedication to Christ in our personal lives and for spiritual depth and motivation in the churches that we may move with God toward His objective of redeeming the world in the hope the Holy Spirit may use us in North Carolina to win to Christ and baptize at least 40,000 in 1961, 42,100 in 1962, 44,600 in 1963 and 50,500 in 1964 – the year of our Jubilee celebration and world-wide united effort in evangelism.

PROGRAM

The Division of Evangelism works to realize its objectives largely in the following ways:

LEADERSHIP CLINICS are held annually to instruct associational chairmen of evangelism in the total program.

WITH THE AID of associational chairmen of evangelism efforts are made to conduct a clinic in every association each year. The purpose of the clinic is to share with the leaders in the association and the churches the best methods known for carrying out in the churches the command of Jesus to "make disciples" and to instruct and inspire all Christians in witnessing unto Christ everywhere.

A PRAYERFUL EFFORT is made in each annual state-wide Evangelistic Conference to sound a ringing challenge to pastors and lay people for full dedication to



Julian S. Hopkins



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**Rev. Finley Miller, pastor of
Glendale Baptist church.**

**Glendale Baptist Church,
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- APPLE GROVE—Mrs. Lou Jennia Howell, John Little.
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LANDMARK—J. R. Barker, L. R. Jones (Deacon).
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OBIDS—Mrs. Mary McNeill, Mrs. Amanda South.
OLD FIELDS—Mary Tomlinson.
ORION—Wiley A. Vannoy.
PHOENIX—Mrs. Ros Childers, Mrs. Reeves Childers.
PILOT MOUNTAIN—Mrs. Wilson Winebarger.
PLEASANT HOME—Lizzie DeBoard, Lige DeBroad.
TUCKERDALE—Glen Jones, (clerk and deacon), Roby Powers.
WELCOME HOME—Mrs. W. S. Shatley.
WEST JEFFERSON—Mrs. D. C. Severt, Mrs. Charlie Phillips, Mrs. I. E. Duncan.



Rev. R. M. Burkett, to whom the 1953-54 minutes are dedicated to.



Phyllis Mahaffey

There are only about fifty per cent of our ordained ministers who have pastoral duties, and most pastors have a service every week. Some churches have services once each month and many churches have services more often so the demands are increasing all the time.

The living costs are still going higher for our pastors as well as for all other people. We should resolve here and now that we will see to it that we, the Baptists of the Ashe Association, do our duty as it is set forth in the Bible by contributing to this worthy cause and see that our pastors devote all of their time and effort to preaching the Gospel and not have to take other work to support themselves and their families. We would recommend that our ministers who are no longer able to carry on the work of a minister avail themselves of the plan for financial aid in their last years as provided by our board.

I have not tried to bring out anything that has not been in reports of former years, but let us earnestly hope that we will keep this duty in mind and not neglect or forget as we are prone to do as in past years.

Respectfully submitted,
C. L. Blevins



Mrs. Lou Harding
Charter member in
MIDWAY BAPTIST CHURCH
Teacher of Adult
Sunday School Class

Rev. Garrett Mahaffey

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONARY'S REPORT

For Associational Year 1953

Humbly I report this years activities with a thankful heart for every pastor, superintendent, teacher, leader, member and child in the Ashe Association that has made the report possible. Without these helps the years work would have been a failure instead of a year of advancement in God's Kingdom work. The following is a summary of my efforts this past year:

I. Churches Attended: 61

Churches	Trips	Churches	Trips
Apple Grove	7	North Beaver	2
Bald Mountain	5	Oak Hill	1
Baptist Home	7	Obids	4
Beaver Creek	2	Old Fields	13
Bethel	1	Orion	6
Big Flatts	15	Peak Valley	9
Big Laurel	4	Rock Creek	1
B'ue Ridge	13	Round Knob	12
Bristol	21	Prosperity	2
Buffalo	8	Pilot Mountain	1
Chestnut Hill	2	Pine Mountain	6
Clifton	2	Pine Swamp	6
Fairview	7	Pleasant Branch	10
Farmer Memorial	7	Pleasant Chapel (colored)	8
Franklin	0	Pleasant Home	3
Friend'y Grove	7	Pleasant Valley	8
Friendship	8	Phoenix	10
Glendale	3	Peak Valley	10
Grassy Creek	4	Sabbath Home	9
Healing Springs	6	Smethport	15
Landmark	12	Sturgills	8
Laurel Hill	5	Three Forks	9
Laurel Knob	6	Tuckerdale	3
Liberty Grove	3	Valley Home	2
Liberty Hill	1	Wagoner	20
Little Helton	6	Warrensville	26
Long Branch	1	Welcome Home	7
Mission Home	3	West Jefferson	35
Mountain View	10	West Pine Swamp	7
Mt. Olive	19	Jefferson (Mission)	8
New River	10		

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II. Number of visits or trips to churches: 445.

Visits to other churches outside Association: 10.

III. Number sermons preached: 122.

IV. Sunday School classes taught: 23.

V. Planning Meetings: Associational, 47; Regional, 6; State, 5.

VI. Other services conducted: 1 decoration; 4 funerals; 3 public schools; 1 Bible School Clinic; 2 revivals; 1 Pastor's school.

1 W. M. U. emphasis weeks; 1 B. T. U. Mass Meeting.

1 Thanksgiving program for orphanage.

1 Stewardship Rally.

VII. Vacation Bible Schools, 29.

Study Courses, 13.

IX. Visits to homes of (Pastors, Supt. and Leaders): 506.

X. Organizations: B. T. U. 7; R. A. 5; G. A. 6; W. M. U. 3; Sunday Schools 3.

XI. Correspondence: Letters, 1506; Card: 116; Bulletins: 2656.

XII. Conversions: 85; Rededications: 7; new church members: 85.

Distributed 72 dozen half gallon jars for the orphanage.

XIII. Miles traveled: 23,785.

Promotional work from an Associational standpoint:

There was a Sunday School enlargement in five churches with the average attendance of 37 per church. B. T. U. mass meeting with 614 attendance. Bible School clinic with 20 churches, 103 teacher present. There was a Bible School in all 59 churches except one, Franklin church; 2 colored schools, 1 mission school, giving a total of 62 schools with an enrollment of 2297 and giving \$248.21 to the Cooperative program. Two weeks in W. M. U. Emphasis work and a G. A. Mother-Daughter banquet. One week of pastor's school.

Financial statement for the year's work is as following:

Salary received:

State and Associational	\$2400.00
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Gifts	336.00
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Cost for operation:

House Rent	\$ 400.00
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Car Mileage (7 cents per mile)	1664.95
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Postage	119.65
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Bible School	317.03
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Total	\$2541.63
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There is still much to be done and with your cooperation and the leadership of God's spirit there will be a greater advancement this coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. E. J. Jenkins, Associational Missionary

REPORT OF ORPHANAGE

Close to the heart of Baptist people is the great work of caring for orphan children. Again our Baptist Orphanage has moved forward in its ministry of child care. During the past year 728 children have been cared for by the institution. In addition to this the Social Service Department helped to adjust 214 children with relatives. This makes a total of 942 children assisted. This program includes the service of Mills Home of Thomasville, Kennedy Home of Kinston, Mother's Aid and Boarding Homes.

Added to our many other activities, we have promoted a great building and renovating program. A new cottage, a new Print Shop, and a new infirmary were completed in 1952. The I. G. Greer Recreational Building was finished early in 1953, and a beautiful new church that will seat 580 people will be completed this year. When this building program is finished, I doubt if any Child Care Agency in America will have more adequate facilities than the Baptists of North Carolina.

The record of the Ashe Association reveals that last year, Ashe County Baptists contributed more to the support of the orphanage than in previous years, but it was still far less than what might be expected of us.

May we be inspired to continue and increase this great work as we think of Him who said: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

Respectfully submitted,
Smith Miller

REPORT ON HOME FOR THE AGED

The subject of this report is the Home for the Aging. The Baptist set up a home at Winston-Salem, March 16, 1951. It was only large enough to take care of about twenty (20) inmates.

Resthaven has been filled to its capacity. The number of requests for a room have increased into hundreds. This home is very young, and the prospect is very good. For a badly needed enlargement this home had a good financial support this year. The part received from the nine-year program in 1952 was \$14,628.00. The first special day offering February 15 exceeded \$52,000, and from churches and individuals and others \$12,380.33; about 75 percent came from smaller churches.

Another home was purchased for a branch home at Albemarle, North Carolina; it will take care of forty residents and twenty at Resthaven. Plans are under way for other enlargements that will bring our home to a total of 110 residents.

Baptists number about 700,000 in North Carolina. A large number

R. R. Campbell, Rev. M. D. Hart, Rev. E. J. Jenkins, Mrs. F. L. Waddell, D. C. Severt and Rev. W. E. Denney.

Report on Training Union was read by D. C. Severt. The report and New Training Union officers were adopted.

Motion to adopt Brotherhood Report into Minutes was adopted.

The closing sermon was by Rev. Edgar Cole. He used as his subject, "Jesus Manifesting His Glory", taken from the Scripture, John 2:10.

Association recessed with prayer by Rev. G. C. Burkett.

Friday Morning Session

Friday morning session opened with singing "Nothing But The Blood" led by Rev. M. D. Hart. Devotion was led by Rev. Paul Phipps. He used for his scripture Luke 6. Prayer led by Rev. M. D. Hart.

At this time the following visitors were recognized: Eugene Olive, Wake Forest College; Roger Brook, Meredith College; M. H. Kendall, Mars Hill College; J. F. H. Hodgson, Superintendent of Missions, Lebendon Association, Virginia.

Report on Sunday School by Rev. Edgar Cole. Report and new officers were adopted.

Report on Christian Education by George E. West. Report was adopted. Discussion on Wake Forest College was by Eugene Olive; Meredith College by Roger Crook; Mars Hill College by M. H. Kendall; Campbell College by A. E. Lynch.

Discussion on the Cooperative Program was by M. A. Huggins.

Recess for lunch with prayer led by M. A. Huggins.

Friday Afternoon Session

After a very good lunch the Association again met with singing and prayer.

Report of the Committee to study new churches wishing to enter Association as follows: Committee, H. M. Winkler, S. S. Graybeal, G. C. Burkett, Walter Day and G. L. Denney.

Report of the Orphanage by Rev. Smith Miller. The report was adopted after a discussion by Brother Reed, Superintendent of Orphanage.

Report on Hospital by C. E. Howell. The report was adopted after discussion by Dr. McGee.

Report on Evangelism by Rev. M. D. Hart.

Brother C. E. Howell resigned as Hospital Representative. Was reinstated offering \$20.75 for expenses.

Sermon by Rev. M. D. Hart. He used for his subject, "The Way Home".

Recess with prayer.

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Saturday Morning Session

Saturday morning session opened by singing "I Must Tell Jesus" led by Rev. Winkler. The devotional was led by Rev. Walter Day.

Clerk's Report on Finances was read by clerk. Report was adopted.

Report on Place and Preacher was read and adopted. The next session will meet at West Jefferson Church, Rev. Keene Roark as preacher.

Motion of a substitute preacher be left in the hands of the Executive Committee. Motion was adopted.

Report on resolutions committee was read and adopted.

Report on the Executive Board Committee was read and adopted.

Motion made by Rev. R. R. Campbell that the Executive Committee in making out the program try to get all services in two days. After much discussion the motion was adopted.

Miscellaneous Matters

Motion made to print only those messengers who were present at the Association. Rev. R. R. Campbell made amendment that this amendment be discussed at next session of Association. Motion carried.

Motion made by Rev. R. R. Campbell that the new minutes be in Memoriam of Rev. R. M. Burkett and picture be carried in minutes. Motion was carried.

Rev. Roe Pasley delivered the closing sermon. For his scripture he used First Kings 18:17-30.

Minutes were read and adopted.

Meeting adjourned by prayer.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

We have held regular meetings, quarterly for the past year. So far as the committee has knowledge, the work has gone on for the past year in a splendid manner.

Wherever churches and pastoral relations are mentioned in the Bible it is a subject considered vital indeed to both church and pastor, and surely it is no less so now.

Paul, the great pastor that he was, gives thanks, prayed, longed for, and had a mutual understanding with the people with whom he ministered. A pastor is supposed to be a man of God's choice, serving a people of God's choice. Surely there should be a relationship between them that would promote a feeling of gratitude one for the other.

Surely the real pastor gives thanks to God for his church and for each individual which makes up the flock, and in turn, any people

should be thankful that God has provided a leader and undershepherd for them.

We hear Paul saying, "I make mention of you in my prayers." There is nothing that the real pastor or man of God wants more than the prayers of his people. It is the God given duty of all pastors, to preach the love of God, Challenge his people to the highest, and to lay bare their secret SINS. With faith and a mutual understanding there is no reason why no church should not climb to the highest in God's will.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. We, as your Executive Committee, recommend that the Association be grouped to six (6) groups, same as the Sunday School and the B. T. U. Divisions; and that one person from each division be selected to serve on the Executive Committee so as to give the churches a fair representation on this committee. Also that the Ex-officio members of the Association serve with this committee.

2. That special emphasis be placed on Evangelism, and that a revival meeting be held in every church, and also that a place be given on our program for discussion on evangelism in the next session of this Association.

3. That the Sunday School and B. T. U. and W. M. S. and Brotherhood be given special attention.

4. That the beautification of church building and grounds be continued.

5. We recommend that a visitation program be organized in every church, under the leadership of the pastors, and that the churches make it possible for the pastor to visit more among his church by raising his wages to make it possible to do so.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. M. D. Hart, Chairman

REPORT OF STATE, HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS

Your committee has read a number of the fine reports of previous years and desires to commend these for re-reading, especially the outstanding report on pages 14, 15 and 16 of the Minutes of 1952.

Perhaps, though, we hear, we read, we adopt, and fail utterly to heed and to perform. No, not "utterly"; for progress has been made through these years. It is fair, we believe, to say that the membership of Ashe County Baptist Churches has been divided on this matter of missions into at least three groups: (1) The group that is opposed to or completely indifferent to the mission program and would perhaps feel more at home and should properly belong to one of the frankly anti-missionary branches of the Baptist faith; (2) The group which pays

lip service to missions and would resent being called anti-missionary but which does little, if any more about missions than the first group; and (3) The group that sincerely believes in the Great Commission and sincerely supports the Co-operative Program of our denomination as the best method to carry it out. Of course some of us are borderline.

May we pause now and ask ourselves honestly, to which group do we, who are here assembled and will soon vote on this report, belong as individuals? To which group does the Church we represent belong?

If "Table F-gifts given through the Church" in the Minutes of 1952 is statistically correct, our churches during that associational year gave over \$33,000.00 for local purposes; paid their pastors about \$17,000.00; contributed to the Co-operative Program a little over \$1,800.00; and gave for all denominational purposes outside the local churches \$10,500.00.

Our leaders tell us that the truly missionary Church should give as much for missions and causes beyond its borders as it spends on itself. Are they wrong or is it possible that we are wrong? It looks like we spent more than \$25.00 on ourselves for every dollar we gave to the Co-operative Program. It looks like we spent on ourselves more than \$5.00 for every dollar we gave to all causes beyond our local church borders.

Figures are dry and often confusing and misleading. I shall not quote any more. You may ponder these, if you will.

There yet comes ringing through the centuries the command of our Christ, "Go into all the world . . . and preach . . . and teach . . . and baptize"; There yet comes "from all the dark places of earth's heathen races" the Macedonian plea, "come . . . and help us." Are we deaf to the command and callous to the call?

Do not vote to adopt this report unless you believe that command and unless you are sensitive to the call. And finally, brethren, if we do adopt this report, let us highly resolve to advance in our support of State, Home and Foreign Missions.

Respectfully submitted,

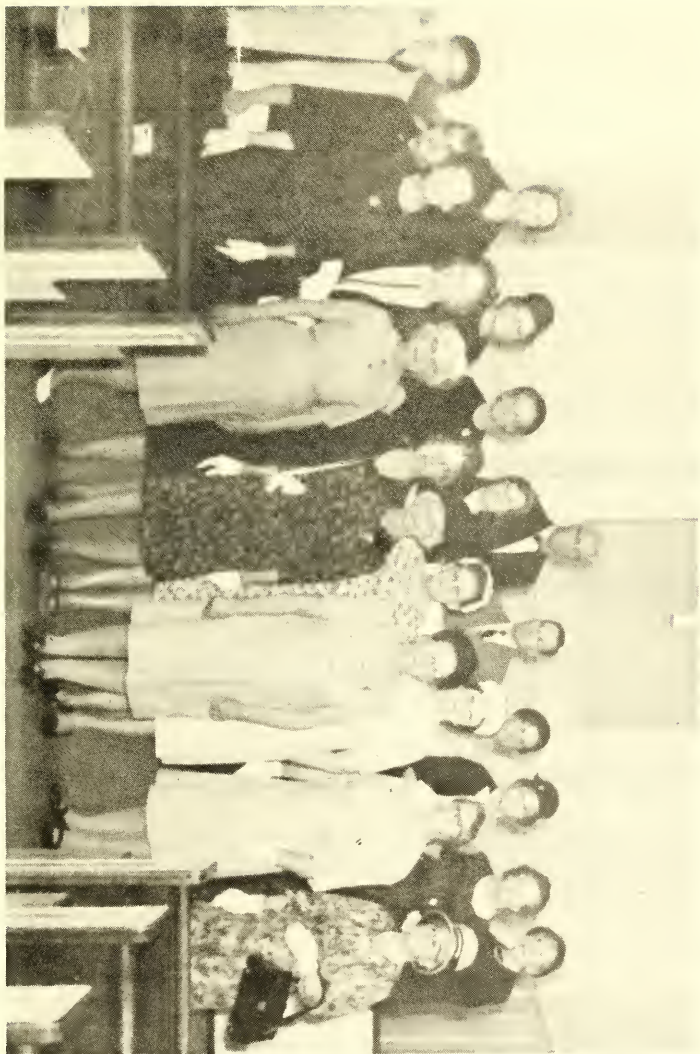
Ira T. Johnston

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS

We now have 55 Sunday Schools in our association, with approximately 4,041. There has been five new Sunday Schools added this year but still there are four churches who cannot report a Sunday School. Great progress has been made by churches adding new classes and have had an increased enrollment.

There has been a Bible School in all our churches except one church, (Franklin, in Bel Air, Maryland), this year with an enrollment of 2,157 giving to the Cooperative Program \$248.21. There has been 4 ten day schools which is another sign of advancement.

ADULT LADYS CLASS FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, WEST JEFFERSON, N.C.
David Hovles taught this class 45 years



Mr. David Harless was one among the most outstanding Christian layman Ashe County has ever produced.

This statement has been verified by great Christian layman who worked by his side. He was the man who lead the way in getting members of the First Baptist Church, West Jefferson. To give enough money to buy a Box Car Load of brick to give to Friendly Grove Baptist Church.

Friendly Grove Baptist Church members unloaded, and hauled the brick. And laid the brick for the auditorium and first educational building.

I' as pastor at the time helped to handle the brick, the boys in the community helped also.

David Harless was a good neighbor to live by, he was always ready to help in times of need.

He had a large blue steer that he pulled more cars out of mud holes than any team of horses. Old Buck never failed, he would get down slow and humble and with his mighty weight came the load.

He was a great help to me as a young pastor, I shall always cherish his good and sound advise.

David Harless was a veterian of World War I. A school teacher and a farmer by traid.

N.D.Hart

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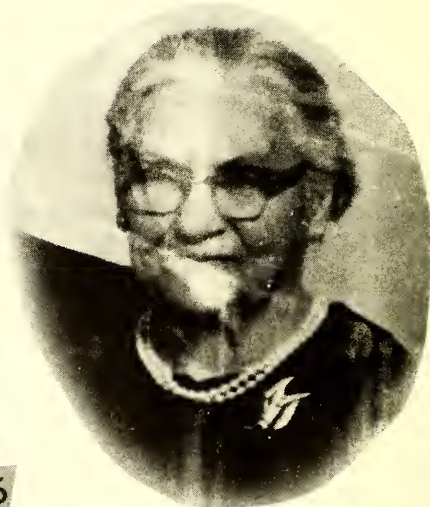
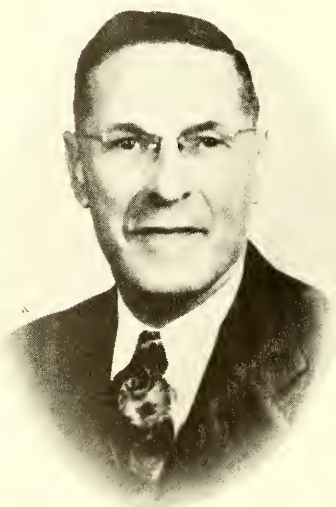
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West Jefferson Baptist Church, scene of 68th Annual Session of Association.





**Rev. R. R. Campbell, pastor of
West Jefferson Baptist Church.**



Rev. J. O. Spencer, to whom the 1954-55 minutes are dedicated.

The following visitors were recognized and welcomed: J. C. Canipe, State Evangelistic Secretary; Dr. L. L. Carpenter, Biblical Recorder editor; Dr. Zeb Caudle, Superintendent of Home of Aged, Albemarle; Rev. R. M. Hauss, Allied Church League; Mr. Glenn South, Three Forks Association; Mrs. Fred Fields, Rigby Association, Gainsville, Alabama; Jessie Shumate and Luther Shumate of Lebanon Association.

In Memoriam

APPLE GROVE — W. M. Little.
 BALD MOUNTAIN — J. E. Sexton.
 BIG FLATS — Lillian Greer.
 BRISTOL — Effie Calloway, Dealos Dixon.
 CHESTNUT HILL — John Emmitte Gambill.
 CLIFTON — Vance Richardson.
 GLENDALE — Mrs. Maggie Lowman.
 GRASSY CREEK — Rev. J. O. Spencer.
 HEALING SPRINGS — Guiles C. Blevins, Susie Baker.
 LANDMARK — Crump Blevins, Mamie Brooks.
 LIBERTY HILL — W. H. Wagoner.
 LITTLE HELTON — Omer Testerman.
 LONG BRANCH — Rev. Luther Testerman, Raymond Powers.
 MISSION HOME — J. F. Blackburn, Wiley Church.
 OBIDS — Daniel Miller.
 PHEONIX — Bessie C. Francis, Frank Childress.
 PILOT MOUNTAIN — S. H. Miller, Will L. Byland.
 PINE SWAMP — Charlie Hartzog.
 PLEASANT CHAPEL — Lester Greer.
 PLEASANT HOME — Mrs. Lizzie Hudler.
 STURGILLS — Elzina Eller.
 TUCKERDALE — Millie Darnell.
 WELCOME HOME — Nellie Blevins.
 WEST JEFFERSON — Mrs. Ervin Eller, Charlie Phillips,
 Arthur Hurley, L. S. Vannoy, E. R. Sturdivant.

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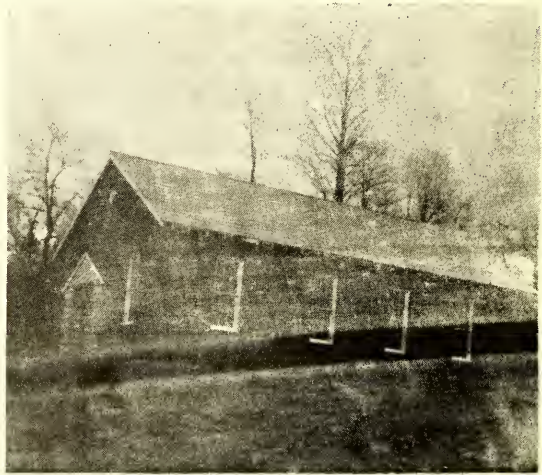
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**Orion Baptist Church,
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**Rev. Paul Phipps, pastor of
Orion Baptist Church.**

Program

ASHE MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

1956 Session

New River Baptist Church

August 23, 24, 1956

Thursday, August 23 — Morning

- 9:30 Devotional and Words of Welcome Rev. Paul Phipps
9:45 Reception of Churches and Visitors; Appointment of Committees
10:00 Report of Executive Committee and Associational Missions
10:30 Report of Sunday School
Report of Training Union
Report of W. M. U.
11:10 Election of Officers for next Session
11:30 Associational Sermon Rev. R. R. Campbell
12:00 Recess for lunch

Thursday, August 23 — Afternoon

- 1:15 Report on Pastor's Salary and Minister's Retirement
Robert Hartzog
1:25 Report on Temperance and Public Morals
Mrs. Molley Denny
1:50 Report on State, Home and Foreign Missions
A. D. Goodman
2:30 Miscellaneous Business
2:45 Sermon Rev. S. S. Graybeal
3:15 Adjourn

Friday, August 24 — Morning

- 9:30 Devotional Rev. Earl Hartzog
9:40 Report on Progress and Problems Rev. M. D. Hart
10:25 Report on Christian Education Jack Graybeal
11:00 Report on Periodicals Mrs. Nell Phipps
11:30 Report on Home for the Aged Mrs. F. L. Waddell
11:50 Miscellaneous
12:00 Recess for Lunch

Friday, August 24 — Afternoon

- 1:00 Report on Orphanage Geter Roten
1:30 Report on Hospital Rev. J. H. Gentry
2:00 Report of Committees
a. Resolutions
b. Finance
c. Place and Preacher
d. Nominating Committee for Executive Board
2:45 Sermon Rev. G. C. Burkett
3:15 Adjourn

Group (3)	Frank McMillan
Group (4)	Wade Vannoy, Jr.
Group (5)	Worth Phillips.
Group (6)	Guy T. Shatley

Committee, H. M. Winkler, Ballard Harless,
Hardy Greene.

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 Mrs. Claricie Miller.
BRISTOL — Geord May, Steve Mullis.
CHESTNUT HILL — Mrs. Cora Ward.
FAIRVIEW — Miss Member Eller
FRANKLIN — Mrs. Mary E. Monk.
FRIENDSHIP — Robert Marsh.
HEALING SPRINGS — J. B. Barker, Mrs. Kate Taylor.
LANDMARK — Wesley Hamm, Mrs. Ella Barker, Mrs.
 Hattie Barker.
LAUREL KNOB — Joe Goodman.
LIBERTY GROVE — Granville Watson.
LITTLE HELTON — Mrs. Chessie Barker.
MISSION HOME — W. L. Tomlinson.
NEW RIVER — Mrs. Tina Davis, Mrs. Cora Halsey, G.
 C. Shepherd, Crawford Blevins.
OAK HILL — Mrs. Lura Barker.
OBIDS — Mrs. Bertha McNeill.
ORION — Leonard Patton Yates.
PHEONIX — Mrs. T. A. Farmer.
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SMETHPORT — P. S. Bumgarner, Mrs. Ethel Bare.
STURGILLS — Nancy Blevins.
THREE FORKS — Myrtle Toliver, Ervin Lewis.
WARRENSVILLE — Vance Ashley.
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	Rev. Walter Day Rev. G. L. Denny



**New River Baptist Church,
scene of 70th Annual Session
of Association.**



**Rev. Roe Pasley, pastor of New
River Baptist Church.**



Rev. Audley B. Frazier

Director of Missions

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONARY REPORT

September 15, 1955 — August 20, 1956

Church and type of work done in each church:

- APPLE GROVE**—Preached 2; Vacation Bible School 5.
- BALD MOUNTAIN**—Preached 1.
- BAPTIST HOME**—Preached 1.
- BETHEL**—Vacation Bible School 6.
- BIG FLATS**—Taught Sunday School Class and preached 1.
- BIG LAUREL**—Visited in community 1.
- BLUE RIDGE**—Taught Sunday School Class and preached 1; Vacation Bible School 5.
- BRISTOL**—Taught Sunday School Class and preached 1; Taught Training Union Study Course 4; Helped in Ordination of Deacons 1.
- BUFFALO**—Preached 1; Helped organize WMS 1; Vacation Bible School 6.
- CHESTNUT HILL**—Preached 1.
- CLIFTON**—Conducted Prayer Meeting 1.

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- FRIENDLY GROVE**—Helped organize RA Chapter, met with chapter 2; Conducted Prayer Meeting 2; Preached 1; Taught Sunday School Class 1; Taught Sunday School Study Course 5; Spoke for Brotherhood 1.
- FRIENDSHIP**—Spoke in Training Union Assembly and in the Adult Union 1.
- GLENDALE**—Preached 1; Taught Sunday School Class 1.
- GRASSY CREEK**—Spoke in interest of Training Union and associational work as a whole 1; Visited in revival service 1; Visited in community in interest of work 1.
- HEALING SPRINGS**—Conducted Training Union Revival 5; Helped organize a Training Union 2 services; Helped set up a church budget 1, mimeographed the same; Vacation Bible School 5.
- JEFFERSON**—Taught Sunday School Class 1; Preached 2; Taught Training Union Study Course 5; Attended Revival service 1.
- LANDMARK**—Preached 1; Vacation Bible School 4.
- LAUREL KNOB**—Preached 1; Attended Revival Service 1.
- LIBERTY GROVE**—Visited in community in interest of church 2.
- LIBERTY HILL**—Attended Revival Service 1; Spoke in interest of Bible School.
- LITTLE HELTON**—Conducted devotional in Sunday School Assembly 1; Taught Sunday School Class 1; Vacation Bible School 5; Visited in services 1.
- LONG BRANCH**—Preached 2; Vacation Bible School 5.
- MIDWAY**—Attended WMU Annual Meeting and spoke on Making Christ's Commission—Our Mission in the Ashe Association 1.
- MISSION HOME**—Preached 3; Taught Sunday School Study Course 5.
- MOUNTAIN VIEW**—Visited in community 1.
- MT. OLIVE**—Conducted Sunday School Devotional, taught Sunday School Class 1; Attended Revival Service 1.
- NEW RIVER**—Taught Sunday School Class and preached 1.
- NORTH BEAVER**—Taught Sunday School Class 2; Preached 1; Vacation Bible School 5.
- OAK HILL**—Preached 1; Vacation Bible School 5.
- OBIDS**—Preached 1; Visited in the community in interest of work 1.
- OLDS FIELDS**—Preached 3; Taught Sunday School 1; Helped plan and taught in a Training Union Study Course 5.
- PEAK VALLEY**—Attended Revival and spoke in interest of Associational work 1.
- PHOENIX**—Conducted Prayer Meeting 1; Taught Sunday School Study Course 5; Visited in services and community 2.

- PLOT MOUNTAIN**—Visited in community in the interest of the church 2.
- PINE MOUNTAIN**—Preached 1; Vacation Bible School 5.
- PINE SWAMP**—Preached 1; Vacation Bible School 5.
- PLEASANT BRANCH**—Visited in community in interest of the work 1.
- PLEASANT CHAPEL**—Preached 1.
- PLEASANT HOME**—Preached 1; Attended Revival Services 1.
- PLEASANT VALLEY**—Visited in community in the interest of the church 2.
- PROSPERITY**—Vacation Bible School 5.
- ROCK CREEK**—Conducted Prayer Meeting 2; Preached 2; Visited in Revival Services 1.
- SABBATH HOME**—Preached 1.
- SMETHPORT**—Taught Sunday School Class and preached 1.
- STURGILLS**—Taught Sunday School Class and preached 1.
- THREE FORKS**—Preached 1; Attended Revival Services 2.
- VALLEY HOME**—Vacation Bible School 3.
- WAGONER**—Preached 2; Taught Sunday School Class 1; Taught Sunday School Study Course 5; Vacation Bible School 5.
- WARRENSVILLE**—Preached 1.
- WELCOME HOME**—Preached 1; Visited in community in the interest of the work 1.
- WEST JEFFERSON**—Preached 1; Taught Intermediate Mission Book 1.

Summary of work done in churches:

Sermons preached—41.

Sunday School Classes Taught—15.

Prayer Meetings Conducted—6.

Sunday School Study Courses Taught—4.

Training Union organized—1.

~~Training Union Study Courses—4.~~

WMS organized—1.

RA organized—1.

Vacation Bible School Conducted—16. (Includes St. John's, Negro.)

Ordination Services—1.

ASSOCIATIONAL PROMOTIONAL EFFORTS

Pastors' Conference, West Jefferson. 9.

Preachers' School, West Jefferson, 5.

Group Training Union Revival, Healing Springs, 1.

Foreign Mission Emphasis, December, 1955, with Dr. and Mrs. Charles A. Leonard, retired missionaries who worked in China and Hawaii speaking in the following churches: Obids, Peak Valley, Little Helton, Clifton, Three Forks, Smethport, West Jefferson, Grassy Creek, Big Flats, Liberty Grove, Apple Grove, Tuckerdale, Bethel, Friendship,

Healing Springs, Bald Mountain, Bristol, Laurel Knob, Jefferson and Old Fields.

Vacation Bible School Clinic, West Jefferson, 1.

"M" Night Program, West Jefferson, 1.

Youth Night Program, West Jefferson, 1.

Mission Emphasis. May 68, with State workers, pastors and Associational Missionaries working in the following thirteen churches: Mission Home, Bristol, Buffalo, Pleasant Home, Tuckerdale, New River, Little Helton, North Beaver, Clifton, Friendly Grove, Phoenix, Sabbath Home, Grassy Creek, for three nights speaking on Missions, Stewardship and Church Budgets.

Bible School Promotion—Miss Ruby Williams of Buies Creek, North Carolina. A summer Bible School Worker furnished us by the State Sunday School Department, worked in our Association for six weeks and had ten schools in these churches, namely, Three Forks, Baptist Home, Liberty Grove, Pilot Mountain, Welcome Home, Liberty Hill, Rock Creek, Glendale, Grassy Creek and Pleasant Valley.

Training Union Promotion—Miss Patricia Brasington of Lancaster, South Carolina a Training Union Worker furnished us by the Training Union Department, worked in Wagoner and New River teaching a Training Union Book for five nights. She was able to organize a Training Union in each of these churches.

Training Union Associational Meetings, 9.

Sunday School Associational Meetings, 4.

Evangelistic Meetings for pastors, West Jefferson, 1; for all workers, Friendship, 1.

MEETINGS OUTSIDE THE ASSOCIATION ATTENDED BY MISSIONARY

Associational Training Union Officers, Planning Meeting, High Point, 1.

Baptist State Convention, Asheville, 3.

Planning Meeting for Associational Missionaries, Fruitland, 1.

State Evangelistic Conference, Winston-Salem, 1.

Meeting of Hospital Representatives and Missionaries, Baptist Hospital, Winston-Salem, 1.

Sunday School District Meeting, North Wilkesboro, 1.

Regional Training Union Meeting, Elkin, 1.

Mission Emphasis. Surry Association, 3; Stone Mountain 3 and Elkin, 3.

OTHER EFFORTS USED IN PROMOTION OF THE WORK (Both Associations)

Individual Conferences, 179; Committee, 9; Group 29.

Miles Traveled 16,974.

Bulletins 441.

"Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." May we in the coming year work together to put the work of Christ first. I sincerely desire your prayers, cooperation and understanding as we go forward for Christ.

Respectively submitted,
Audley B. Frazier

This statement is inserted in at this time for the reason of space.

My appreciation of the nearly eight years with Ashe and Alleghany Association's Educational and busy, I hope helpful as I worked with the pastor's and laity of both Association's.

I believe the Lord lead in the work during those years.

Sincerely

Audley B. Frazier
Audley B. Frazier

P.S. I would like to add a word here, the work that Bro, Frazier, did here in these two Baptist Association's.

Is still being felt and much lasting good has been accomplished as for his coming our way.

Rev. Dr. M. D. Hart

M. D. Hart

In Memoriam

BALD MOUNTAIN—H. A. Laurence, Ben Houck, Charlie Houck.
BETHEL—Mrs. Candice Baker.

BLUE RIDGE—Mrs. J. R. Johnston, Mrs. Julia Phillips.

BRISTOL—Mrs. Mary Jane Mullis, Steve Mullis, Arthur Mullis,
 Wm. Johnson.

GRASSY CREEK—Mandy Jane Barker.

HEALING SPRINGS—John Wiles, Bill Wiles, Deacon.

LANDMARK—Mrs. Mollie Fowler.

LAUREL KNOB—James Kimberlin.

LIBERTY GROVE—(Deacon) John A. Howell, Mrs. Lettie
 Howell, Mrs. Frankie Greer.

LITTLE HELTON—Alice Shaw, Alene Spencer.

MIDWAY—Henery Duvall, John Pierce (Deacon), Brent With-
 erspoon.

MISSION HOME—Conley Greene (Deacon).

MOUNT OLIVE—Thomas Sawyer.

NEW RIVER—Oran Porter, Croford Blevins, Fieldon Peddie.

NORTH BEAVER—Mrs. Dollie Sheets.

OLD FIELDS—Mrs. Emma Griffin.

ORION—Lee Lambert, Mrs. W. M. Dillard, Jesse Bare (Deacon).

PHOENIX—Rev. T. A. Farmer, J. Q. Childers (Deacon).

PILOT MOUNTAIN—Mrs. Ellen Parsons.

PLEASANT CHAPEL—Mrs. Rose Shepherd.

PLEASANT VALLEY—E. A. Phipps.

ROCK CREEK—David Price, Miss Jennie Mahala, James Potter
 (Deacon).

ROUND KNOB—Oliver Polk.

SABBATH HOME—Mrs. William Price.

SMETHPORT—W. M. Barker.

STURGILS—Horton Blevins.

THREE FORKS—Mrs. Nora Mahala, L. K. Pennington.

TUCKERDALE—Wilson Anderson.

WARRENSVILLE—Mrs. Effie McNeill, Roscoe Eller, Charlie
 Turnmire.

WELCOME HOME—Roger Lowman.

WEST JEFFERSON—J. W. Gambill (Deacon), T. E. Campbell,
 Bron Hudler, Mrs. W. V. Woodie, Vance Phillips.

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our organizations, our Sunday Schools, and our people who uphold the banner for higher moral standards?

Respectfully submitted,
Mollie H. Denny

REPORT ON RESOLUTIONS

The 70th annual session of the Ashe Association has been inspiring and challenging.

1. Be it resolved that we extend to the New River Baptist Church and all the people who have had part in supplying this fine and delicious meals. Their kindness and hospitality is to forever be remembered.

2. We desire to express our appreciation to the program committee for the well planned program. To our missionary for his fine report, and to our officers for their service rendered through the year.

3. We express our appreciations to all the speakers who have spoken on the program. May we be more dedicated to the task of giving Christ to the World, beginning in the Ashe Association, because of our fellowship with each other these days.

Respectfully submitted,
M. D. Hart, Chairman
Walter Huddler
Mrs. Fred Waddell

REPORT OF THE W. M. U.

Woman's Missionary Union has a vital part in helping to build a Christian world of tomorrow. Members of missionary societies and young peoples organizations work through prayer, Bible study, mission study, community missions, and stewardship to help accomplish this great task.

We are grateful to report that we have had more gains than losses during the past year, but most of our gains were entirely too small. The need in our association, our state, our southland, and in the world would warrant a substantial gain from year to year.

Our gains in organizations observing the seasons of prayer, members contributing to the co-operative program, number of tithers, num-

We can do more and better work in our association. Our small ber of study classes, study of books on soul winning, societies studying guide to community missions, those making community surveys, churches observing church night of stewardship, and in subscriptions to all W. M. U. magazines are very small and each one needs new emphasis now.

To keep up our gains and decrease our losses we should put more and more emphasis on prayer, both individual and united. We should engage in community missions, mission study, and stewardship in a greater way than ever in the past.

gains challenge us. Our losses shame us. Shall we strive to take advantage of our opportunities?

Our annual meeting at Midway was well attended. Our guest speakers, as well as many local people brought messages of interest and inspiration.

Officers installed are: Supt. Mrs. Ralph Parsons, West Jefferson; Associate Superintendent Mrs. Burl Vannoy, West Jefferson; Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. J. T. McMillan, West Jefferson; Director of Missionary Fundamentals, Mrs. Fred Owens, Warrensville; Prayer Chairman, Mrs. Dewey Campbell, West Jefferson; Young Peoples Leader, Mrs. Turner Watson, West Jefferson; R. A. Counselor, Rev. Bill Burchett, West Jefferson; Community Mission Chairman, Mrs. Blane Greene, West Jefferson; Stewardship Chairman, Mrs. John Rhodes, West Jefferson; Mission Study Chairman, Mrs. Billy Bare, Warrensville; Literature Chairman, Mrs. Worth Phillips, Idlewild; Margaret Fund and Corver School Chairman, Mrs. Kay Harding, West Jefferson.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Ralph Parsons

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

It is indeed a privilege to have the opportunity for me to bring you this report on Christian education this morning. All of you know the importance of education. In our society it is one of the fundamentals to successful living. It is our way of life, our feeling of security, our gateway into the future—a future perhaps even more complex than our own 1956.

Being a teacher, I like to think that education helps our children to learn to do things in a practical sort of way. That is by observing the task to be done, and then choosing the shortest and most practical way to complete that task. For many of us, it is hard to give up old ideas and methods, basically because we are afraid of what is new. We lag behind, not trying to understand this newness, but in an effort to compensate for what we don't understand, we do everything in our power to keep things just as they are, just as our father's found them. Is this progress?

Seriously though, what do we mean by Christian education? Why is it so important to us? Is it simply teaching our children some Bible courses? Is it preparation for the ministry, or some other phase of church work? Any answer you gave would perhaps be partially correct. It includes all of these. I like to think of Christian education as a place where a student may pursue his education in an atmosphere and environment characteristic of a Christian society in which values and ideals are derived in accordance with Christian teachings.

In general, the Baptist program of Christian education includes the teaching ministry of the Christian home, the local church with its

varied programs, the Baptist schools and colleges supported by the Conventions within the various states, and our Southwide seminaries.

Here in North Carolina in our seven Baptist colleges—namely, Wake Forest, Meredith, Mars Hill, Gardner-Webb, Campbell, Wingate, and Chowan—we had a total enrollment of 5,921 students last year, and already more than this number have been accepted for the coming college year. North Carolina is second only to Texas in the number of students enrolled in her Baptist colleges. Of those students enrolled, it is likely that at least 20% are preparing themselves for some full time church work. Others are going out into other fields: teaching, law, business, medicine.

Enrollments in Southern Baptist colleges and schools reached a record total of 53,682 for 1955-56, surpassing by 3,602 the previous high of 1954-55. For the fifth year in succession, enrollments of ministerial students reached a new record total. Cooperative Program support of Southern Baptist educational institutions increased around 6.4 per cent.

Each of our seven North Carolina colleges now in operation is engaged in expanding its plant facilities in both housing and class rooms to meet the ever-growing needs. It is reliably predicted that within a brief period of twelve to fifteen years the present college population of 50,000 in North Carolina will be doubled, which means that instead of 18,000 Baptist young people in college in our state, as at present, we shall have 35 to 40,000. Here is a challenge to all Baptists to help in providing opportunities for christian education to these future leaders.

During the past year, less than half a dozen students from Ashe county were attending our Baptist schools. Our area has been favored greatly by the movement of Wake Forest College to Winston-Salem. We must capitalize upon this opportunity to provide christian education to more of our high school graduates. This responsibility rests on all of us in offering christian guidance in education to our young people, stressing the values and advantages of Christian education.

The inevitable question arises, "Why choose a christian college?" Because it provides the education and the influences needed for the development of Christian leadership at just the time when the pattern of adulthood is crystallizing into permanence under the influence of the new freedom, new responsibilities, and new stimulation of college life.

We must constantly remind ourselves that these colleges are supported and operated primarily for the training of Baptist young people, and that we can best express our interest in them, first, by encouraging the young people in our churches, who are graduating from high school, to enroll in one of these seven Baptist colleges, and second, by

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continuing to provide financial support through our present Nine-Year Program of Advance.

Respectfully submitted,
Jack D. Graybeal

REPORT OF THE ASHE MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION

The ministers of the Ashe Baptist Association have met regularly each month during the past year, with a well planned program in interest of our denominational work. We have had the regular attendance of fifteen for each service, with some laymen in each service.

The annual school for the pastors was held in February of this year. This school was a very effective one for the pastors of the association. The program was of great interest to all the ministers who attended, dealing with the problems of every day church life. The fellowship was even better, the meals were served by the church at West Jefferson.

We were also successful in our week end meeting that was conducted in May. In this meeting we had a number of speakers from outside the Association to come and speak in our churches, on the subject of stewardship, church finances, and the budget system. This meeting was of much interest to all who attended, and we believe that much good will come of this meeting.

The officers serving in the Ministerial Association next year will be Rev. G. C. Burkett, Moderator, Rev. W. E. Burchette, Vice Moderator, and R. C. Ashley, Secretary.

Respectfully submitted,
R. C. Ashley, Secretary

TRAINING UNION REPORT

The Ashe Training Union seeks to organize a training program in the churches in our association, so as to find and develop Christian leaders as well as develop each individual member. This causes us to grow as the Savior has commanded us to grow.

1. Your officers have held all the meetings and met all the requirements to remain a standard association for the entire year; this making the tenth consecutive year.

2. At a meeting held at Laurel Knob, we wish to recommend the following people for your officers for the coming year: Pastor Advisor, William E. Burchett; Director, D. C. Severt; Associate Director, Rev. R. C. Ashley; Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. Irene Campbell; Chorister, B. N. Harless; Pianist, Hcssie Lou Severt; Department Leaders—Nursery, Mrs. Wayne Ferguson; Beginner, J. H. Gentry; Primary, Kitty Watson; Junior, Mrs. R. C. Shoaf; Intermediate, Miss Mary Jordan; Young People—Adults, C. M. Payne. Group Directors: Mrs. Bill



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ASSISTANCE IS GIVEN to leaders in the associations in the preparation for and in the conduct of BAPTIST JUBILEE REVIVALS. "A BAPTIST JUBILEE REVIVAL is an associational evangelistic emphasis for Southern Baptists for 1961, 1962, 1963, and 1964. It differs from other revivals in that it is a distinctive, clearly defined evangelistic program for an association and the churches in the association."

SPECIAL ATTENTION is given to reclaiming the inactive church members for the cause of Christ and to the spiritual nurture of all Christians.

As an integral part of the overall objectives of the Division of Evangelism, the special work in the area of personal evangelism seeks to translate the "mass hearing" to the "personal doing" on the part of individual men, women, boys and girls. It is essentially a person-to-person relationship.

Believing that "other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ" (I Cor. 3:11), personal evangelism seeks to build with very definite stones on this Great Foundation. The first stone is that personal evangelism must always accompany the preaching of the Gospel. Another stone is that very little spiritual growth can take place in the life of any Christian unless he is actively engaged in sharing his Saviour with others. A third stone is that "Go ye and make



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disciples" is a pattern, and must, of a necessity, include the two ideas of leading a person to Christ and then giving him personal attention until he is truly a disciple or follower of Christ.

In the work of implementing the above concept, the task of personal evangelism in our Convention is to go where the people are to give personal on-the-job training. We seek to join hands with our Baptist pastors to use every resource at our command under the leadership of the Holy Spirit, to help every Baptist in North Carolina to become an effective witness for Christ.

Division of Missions

E. L. SPIVEY, Director

The function of the Director of this Division and the purpose of the Convention's mission program is best described in the analysis of the work by the committee of twenty-five which reported at the special session in 1959. It described this division's function as follows:

To survey and aid in the establishment of new mission points and new churches in North Carolina. This may involve the establishment of a loan fund and the training of leaders for this task. The 30,000 movement will be a vital part of this ministry through 1964.

Work with the Department of Church Development in studying and carrying out plans for the development of new and underdeveloped churches in the Convention.

Work with the associational missionaries in the task of strengthening the district association as a vital unit of our Baptist work. Special attention should be given to the development of literature, methods and suggestions that may be valuable to the missionary and officers of the associations.

Work with the director of Fruitland Bible Institute in the accomplishment of its purpose to help men who have been called to the ministry later in life or who, because of family or other responsibilities, have not been able to attend our regular Baptist colleges and seminaries.

Work with those who are seeking to minister to special groups such as:

The deaf people.

The correctional institutions and other institutions that may need chaplaincy service, such as Samarcand Industrial School for Girls and McCain Sanitorium.

Other institutions or special groups.

Work with the Department of Interracial Cooperation in creating good will and rendering possible help to our racial groups.

Participate in conferences, rallies and various district and State programs to inform and encourage our people in their support of our total Baptist work and in the conduct and promotion of schools of missions and schools for pastors.

The continuing story of the interpretation of these ministries and the identification of those who direct them will enable North Carolina Baptist to understand the scope and purpose of their Division of Missions.



E. L. Spivey



REV. EVERETTE W. POWERS, Th.B., B.D., Th.D., Ph.D.

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Rev. Wesley Eldreth Rev. Tommy Salmon
 Baptising John Pierce and others
 into the fellowship of Round Knob
 Baptist Church. **1940**





*The late Rev. & Mrs T.M. Hayes
Family. Johnsie - Burman - Paul -
Edgar - Dean - Maggy - Ruth -
Rev. Hayes was a noble pastor and an
outstanding Evangelist.*



*Evelon Houck
D. Mrs & Mrs Clark
Houck*

*Carroll Hart
S. Rev. Mrs. M. D. Hart*



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Rev. & Mrs. Aaron Johnston 1808-1878
His wife was, Jane Garvey. 1815-1892
Great Grand Parents of Eugena Blackburn

Rev. Aaron Johnston was the first person
to be buried in the Bethel Baptist church
Cemetery.



William H. Johnston & Wife
Nancy Ray Johnston - He is the Son
of Rev. Aaron Johnston. And Father
of Joseph E. Johnston.

Eugena Blackburn's Father Joe Johnston
Grand Father William H. Johnston and
Great Grand Father Rev. Aaron Johnston.



Mr & Mrs W.M.Blackburn

Willie and Eugena Blackburn, and Zola Richardson now (Mrs Carl Massey) helped us establish the Midway Baptist Church. They still held membership in FRIENDLY GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH.

Along with Mr.& Mrs M.D.Mullis who were members of First Baptist Church West Jefferson

M.D.Mullis was overseer of building the New church. There were more than \$3,000.00 given by members of First Baptist Church of West, Jefferson. N.C. Midway Baptist Church has proved to be one of the best mission projects in Ashe Association.



ZOLA WAS EDUCATIONAL DIRECTOR

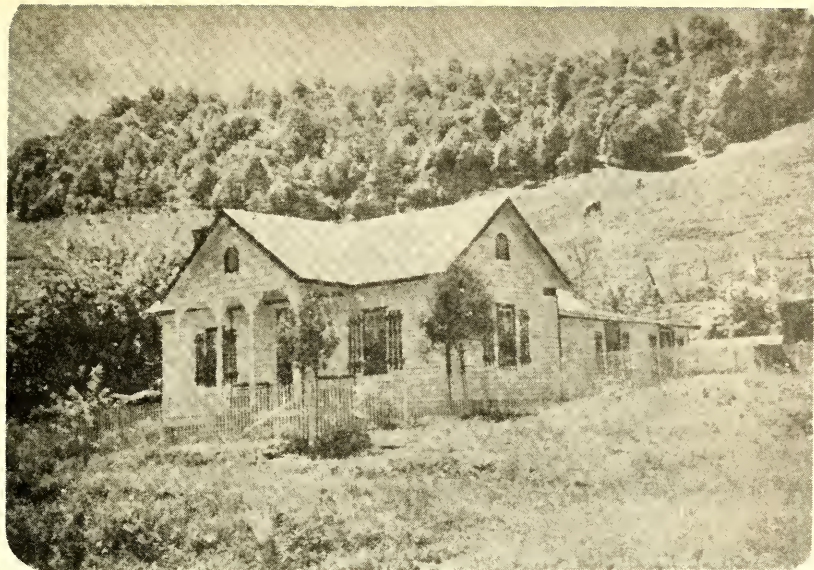
ZOLA RICHERDSON
Now Mrs. Carl Massey

Helped to start the Midway Baptist Church. She taught the Young Married Sunday School Class under the shade of a Locust Tree. From early spring to lat fall, without a rain on sunday.

It was unusual, but the rain came in the midweek all summer season long.

All of us who had a part in the building of the Midway Baptist Church, are thankful to the Lord, for the progress it is making with the leading roll the church taking in the Ashe Association.

M.D.Hart



HOME OF REV W.W. AND MINNIE GRAHAM HART
AND BIRTH PLACE OF THEIR TEN CHILDREN
M,D.HART THE OLDEST

Before I start on the next pages, I would like to say a few words about those who did help so much in the money part of the Midway Baptist Church. There was above \$3,000.00 came from the members of The First Baptist Church of West Jefferson, N.C.

Among these givers was M.D.Mulles. H.R. Vannoy. Carl Colvard. Wade Vannoy Sr. and George H.McGuire. and others I cannot just recall. I as a minister must stop to thank all these givers. When building the Friendly Grove Baptist Church, it was West Jefferson, Baptist Church who gave us a carload of brick shipped in from Kingsport Tenn. For us to brick our church with. And Bob.Jackson gave \$100.00 on this load of brick. It was David Harless who lead the movement on getting us this brick. Dave, said to them "we are not in a building program here at First Church, Lets help this church.



MIDWAY BAPTIST CHURCH 1953

The Midway Baptist Church started in the above tenant house that was vacant. Just across from where the church now stand.

A prayer meeting was first started, and then a Sunday School, was started with attendance of 75 to 90 in both prayer service and Sunday School. Loyd Witherspoon owner of the house, let us have the property rent free; and gave full cooperation to the work of the new mission.

The Young Married Peoples Sunday School class met under an Locust Tree all summer and fall, was never interrupted a single Sunday by rain. The class was taught by ,Zola Richerdson now Mrs. Carl Massey. Zola and Mr. & Mrs W.M.Blackburn Members of the Friendly Grove Baptist Church gave their full entire service in the work and construction. The work was organized with 35 members from a number of churches with letters from those churches constituting the MIDWAY BAPTIST CHURCH.

Much credit is to go, to Mr. Jones and Edna McNeil for providing the church with its present location. Jones has since gone

to his reward, and this will be a lasting memorial to his and Edna's memory.

After we had secured the land, Mr.M.D. Mulles was chosen to be construction leader, and a good job he did, this first unit was built with free labour, and so many people had a part in this work. Mr.Will Mulles is ever to be remembered for furnishing his Truck in hawling supplies, tons upon tons of rock sand and other materials.

Earl Ball. Quincy Dixon, Glenn McNeil Paul Phillips and others helped us to make the core of the working force, with so many helping. The ladies of the church and community brought out a big dinner the day we poured the Basement that will never be forgotten. It was a great experience to see this new church grow and flourish.

Even the growing pains gave us all the belley ache, even my self as pastor. But as the maturity of a child growes to adult hood they get over the belley ache. I presume that we all have gotten well of these growing pains. I have been back for a revival, which was the joy of my life.

In the next picture will show the first unite complete, at the time I left and went to Maryland, this was the church,with the walls for the new educational building having been poured. Since that time the new educational building had been erected, and the front has been reworked and the steeple built.



A pretty young woman stepped into a music shop in the city the other day. She tripped up to the counter where a new clerk was assorting music and in her sweetest tones asked: "Have you 'Kissed Me in the Moonlight'?"

The clerk turned, looked, and said: "It must have been Ira Jones at the other counter. I've only been here a week."

When we opened the new work at the Midway Church, it was said where are you going to get your leaders? We found that the woods was full of marvelous talent. Sinners to beat the mocking birds, John Pierce called on Howard Jones to lead the singing, scared him so, his face lit up red as if his wife had told him to go jump in the lake.

Howard, took hold as a singing leader, and today is one among the best choir leaders in the Association. John Pierce, a father of 12 children made one among the best Supt, of Sunday School till his death which hurt us all so deep. John Pierce. Earl Ball. Q.N. Dickson. and Brint Witherspoon, were the first four people to loose by death, that the church needed so badly. Brint Witherspoon was a natural born musican, she could get more music out of a piano to her age than any one I have ever known.

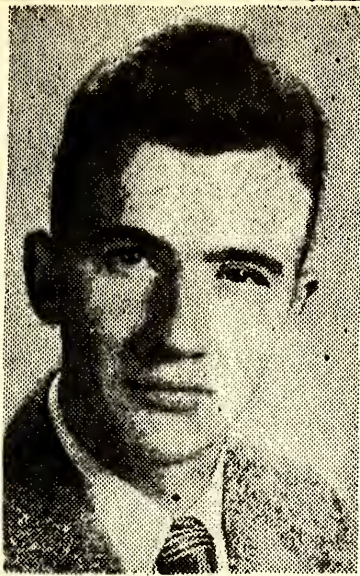
Her picture appears on a full page in this book in appreciation of our love, Nora and my self as we knew her. And I have a sneaking suspecion that Brint and Nora, is singing together at this time.

THE MIDWAY BAPTIST CHURCH At this time is a full time church. With a full time program, Lead by Rev. Fred Troutman Pastor, with a full and able church leadership. Where will you get your leaders? Where did they come from? From among the fellowship. Look at the young people that have grown up in this fellowship since 1953. Making such marvelous success in College's all over the country. Where did these children come from? Succesful in business in most every walk of life.

Long live Midway Baptist Church and its fine children for manny years to come.

A Women's Lib leader, speaking to a women's club audience interspersed with a few male guests, declared that women soldiers will soon be the order of the day. "Who," she asked, "can defeat a well-trained, well-equipped army of women?"

A male voice shouted from the back of the auditorium, "One mouse?"



Paul Hart



Rev. M. D. Hart

Church Corner

Rev. Hart Writes Song In Memory Of Son

The Rev. M. D. Hart pastor of Midway, Friendship, South Fork and Orion Baptist churches, has published a song in memory of his son, Paul.

Title of the song is "I will meet you there." It is published in the Stamps-Baxter Fall Book, "Heaven's Banner."

Howard Paul Hart died March 17, 1950, at the age of 21.

Paul was "perhaps our most valuable student," said Robert Davis, principal of West Jefferson School, then a high school.

During his senior year, Paul was president of the student council; president of the senior class; manager of the boys' basketball team; business manager of the yearbook; sports reporter for the school paper and on its advertising staff.

Mr. Davis also said that "Paul liked and respected both students and faculty. They in turn liked and respected him.

"We cannot describe Paul's school life and activities better than to say 'he was a gentleman'."

Paul had planned to study civil engineering. He was to attend Gardner-Webb at Boiling Springs.

Mr. Hart also has "other songs just off the press." "A Shelter in Time of Storm" is in Stamps-Baxter's 1956 book called "Matchless Gift." "Love to Me" is in the company's quartet book for 1956.

*As of January 1975 Stamps-Baxter
has Printed 7 C. Songs for me. M.D.H.*



BRENT WITHERSPOON

Beaver Creek Student Dies Of Cancer

Special to The Journal

WEST JEFFERSON, March 12—Evelyn Brent Witherspoon, popular member of the senior class of Beaver Creek High School, died of cancer Sunday night at the age of 16.

Her condition had been serious for the past several months and she had been a patient in Baptist Hospital, Winston-Salem, for much of that time.

Six weeks ago she was returned here to the home of her parents, Lloyd and Verona Witherspoon, after further hospitalization appeared hopeless. She died still without knowing the cause of her illness.

Before she became ill she was active in the Glee Club, Sports Club, 4-H Club, Tri-Hi-Y, Future Homemakers of America and the Business Club.

In addition to her school activities, she also took a deep interest in her church, Midway Baptist, near West Jefferson, which she had served as pianist for the past three years.

"She was one of the most devout young Christians I've ever worked with," said her pastor, the Rev. M. D. Hart. "Music was her hobby, and she put her heart and soul into the music of the church."

Brent, as she was popularly known, is survived by her parents, a brother, Dean, and a sister, Judy; her paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Witherspoon of Jefferson, and her maternal grandmother, Mrs. David W. Miller of Warrensville.

Funeral services will be held at Midway Baptist Church at 2 p.m. Tuesday, conducted by the Rev. M. D. Hart and the Rev. Dewey Roten.

Classmates of Beaver Creek High School will attend in a body, with the girls acting as flower bearers.

Burial will be in Friendship Cemetery.

"And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together, and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and they spake the word of God with boldness. And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection. (Acts 4:31, 33.)"



Left to Right above:

Front: Larry, Hoke, Mrs. Pierce,
Mr. Pierce, Howard, Zane, Avis

Back: Ruth, Archie, Vel, Judge,
Una, John Henry, and Vada.

WE ARE PROUD THAT ALL OF
THE PIERCE CHILDREN SHOWN
IN THIS PICTURE ARE COLLEGE
GRADUATES AS OF 1976.

M. D. Hart

In 1940 our father became a member of the newly organized Round Knob Baptist Church - which was founded under the leadership of Rev. Wesley Eldreth and Rev. Thomas Salmons - in the Boggs community (which is now known as the Fleetwood community in Ashe County).



SHOWN IN PHOTO - Left to Right,
Front Row: Archie, Vel, & Judge
Second " : John Henry, Una and

Ruth

Back Row: John H. & Clyde Pierce
(Mrs. Pierce is holding
Vada, baby in 1940)

In 1946 the John Pierce family moved onto the Mt. Jefferson Rd. and it was there in the early part of the Fifties that Midway Baptist Church was organized and built. It is interesting to note that the little girl "crying" in the 1940 photo (Vada) played the piano at Midway Baptist Church for awhile, while still in school.

SEVENTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION OF THE

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NORTH CAROLINA

1886 - 1957

HELD WITH

MIDWAY BAPTIST CHURCH

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AND

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WARRENSVILLE, N. C.

AUGUST 15 & 16, 1957

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McDaniel Harless Clerk and Treasurer

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THE NEXT SESSION WILL BE HELD WITH
FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH — AUG. 14, 1958
JEFFERSON, N. C.

JEFFERSON BAPTIST CHURCH — AUG. 15, 1958
JEFFERSON, N. C.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE ON NEW CHURCHES

Nottingham, and Porter's Grove churches have requested advice concerning the possibility of organizing a missionary Baptist Association in Pennsylvania to co-operate with the Southern Baptist Convention.

Therefore, we recommend that the Ashe Association appoint a committee to visit these churches and advise them concerning this matter. If they deem it wise, help them organize a new association.

We recommend that the words Ashe County, North Carolina and adjacent counties be inserted in line two of article two of the Constitution of the Ashe Missionary Baptist Association after the word CHURCHES, amending it to read as follows: "The object of this Association shall be an organized effort to unite the churches of ASHE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA and adjacent counties in more efficient work for the spread of the gospel in our bounds, and in all the world, and in this work the Association will co-operate with the Baptist State Convention."

H. M. Winkler, Chairman,
S. S. Graybeal,
G. C. Burkett,
G. L. Denny,
Walter Day.

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We, your nominating committee, report the following men for the executive committee: S. S. Graybeal, Rex Camobell, Clarence Ball, Sanford Howell, Rex Blevins and Guy Shatley. Earl Ball, Chairman,
Rev. Finley Miller,
Guy Shatley.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

We, the members of the finance committee, of the Ashe Missionary Baptist Association, submit the following report:

We wish to take this opportunity to thank every church and pastor for their co-operation in the work during the past year.

We are happy to report that all churches who made pledges last year have been faithful to that pledge. The pledges are paid and the budget has been met. For this we are very grateful to all who have had part in this great work.

It being our duty as the members of the finance committee we submit the following as a suggested budget for the coming year.

Associational Missionary Salary, Rent, Travel Expenses, Supplies, and Convention expenses	\$1800 00
Minutes	375 00
Clerks Fee	50 00
Postage	25.00
Training Union	50.00

ASSOCIATIONAL DIRECTORY

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Rev. Herbert McCoy	Tamarack, N. C.
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Lloyd Witherspoon	West Jefferson, N. C.
John Burkett	Warrensville, N. C.

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David Harless	West Jefferson, N. C.

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President	Mrs. Ralph Parsons, West Jefferson, N. C.
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Literature Chairman	Mrs. Worth Phillips, West Jefferson, N. C.
Margaret Fund Chairman	Mrs. Charles Edwards, Fleetwood, N. C.
Jubilee Chairman	Mrs. A. E. Reed, Warrensville, N. C.

IN MEMORIAM

BETHEL — Daniel Lyalls, O. D. Miller.

BIG FLATS — Preston Parsons, Frank Houck.

CLIFTON — Mrs. Bell Richardson, John Miller (Deacon).

CHESTNUT HILL — W. W. Brown (Deacon).

LAUREL KNOB — W. M. Goodman.

MOUNT OLIVE — Henry Miller.

LANDMARK — Rev. W. F. Barker.

LITTLE HELTON — Thurman Hurley.

NEW RIVER — Wiley Colvard, Frank Barton, Mrs. Edna Blevins,
Russell Caldwell, Mrs. Winnie Phyliax, Fred Little

NORTH BEAVER — Rev. Clifford Patrick, Arnold Johnson.

OLD FIELDS — Tom Phillips.

PLEASANT CHAPEL — Mrs. Mary Elliott.

PLEASANT HOME — Oscar Blevins.

PILOT MOUNTAIN — Mrs. Minnie Phillips.

PINE SWAMP — Ray Hartsog.

PHOENIX — Mrs. Bertha Stike.

SABBATH HOME — Sam Miller.

STURGILLS — Mrs. Nona H. Powers.

TUCKERDALE — Mrs. Lessie Anderson, Mrs. Ruth Stevens.

WAGONER — Armita Huffman, Brice Huffman.

WELCOME HOME—Mr. Winfield S. Shatley.

WARRENSVILLE — Mrs. Nell Ashley, Mr. James P. Ashley.

WEST JEFFERSON — Mr. C. P. McMillian.

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Rev. G. C. Burkett, Director of Ministerial Conference —	
	— West Jefferson, N. C.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE

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Rev. Walter Day	West Jefferson, N. C.
John Burkett	Warrensville, N. C.

STANDING COMMITTEES FOR 1953

State, Home, and Foreign Missions ..	Mrs. Walter Dilliard
Orphanage	Rev. W. T. Whittington
Hospital	Rev. J. H. Gentry
Pastor Salary and Ministerial Retirement ..	C. M. Payne
Baptist Home For Aged	Mrs. F. L. Waddell
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Ministerial Conference	Rev. G. C. Burkett

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ASSOCIATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1957-58

Associational Superintendent, Marvin E. Osborne, W. Jefferson
Associate Supt. Guy T. Shatley, Jefferson
Supt. of Training David Harless, W. Jefferson
Supt. of Evangelism Rev. R. C. Ashley, Warrensville
Supt. of Enlargement Rev. G. C. Burkett, Jefferson
Secretary and Treas. Mrs. Phleat Fender, Jefferson
Chorister Rev. Wm. E. Burchett, W. Jefferson
Pianist Miss Kitty Watson, W. Jefferson
Vacation Bible School Supt. Mrs. Mary Jordon, Todd
Associational Librarian Mrs. Cecil Shoaf, Warrensville
Department Superintendents and group Superintendents to
be appointed by the officers with the aid of the Associational
Missionary.

W. M. U. OFFICERS FOR 1957-58

Supt. Mrs. Ralph Parsons
Assoc. Supt. Mrs. W. T. Whittington
Sec. and Treas. Mrs. J. T. McMillan
Youth Leader Mrs. T. D. Watson
Directory of Missionary Fundamentals .. Mrs. Raymond Elliott
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Royal Ambassador Counselor Rev. W. E. Burchett

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Director D. C. Severt
Associate Director Rev. R. C. Ashlev
Chorister Dewey Campbell

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NOTICE CONCERNING PROGRAM FOR 1958 SESSION

The Executive Committee voted at a meeting held Sept 1, 1957 that the program be omitted from the minutes, and that the program be planned in July 1958 and mailed by July 15, 1958.

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REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The executive committee met the first Thursday night in each quarter during the past year. Each meeting was of special interest as the current needs of the association were discussed thoroughly by committee members.

The Ashe Seminary Extension Center was organized and sponsored cooperatively by the executive committee, the Seminary Extension Department of the Southern Baptist Seminaries, the Baptist State Convention, the Ashe Baptist Ministerial Association and the officials of the Ashe Baptist Association. The following officials were appointed:

Director Rev. S. S. Graybeal
Registrar and Treasurer Mr. Guy Shatley
Teachers Rev. A. B. Frazier, Rev. Rexford Campbell

The first semester began with an enrollment of 28. Twenty-six of those enrolled finished courses in Old and New Testament History, Religious Education and Preparation of Sermons. The next semester October 18, 1957.

January 27th was designated as associational mission Sunday and all churches were requested to take an offering for associational missions. The results were gratifying.

Mr. Wade E. Vannoy, Jr. donated a room in the Vannoy building at West Jefferson for an associational office. It has been partially equipped with office furniture purchased from funds raised by the executive committee.

The committee makes the following recommendations:

That the Ashe Baptist Association of Missionary Baptist churches now in session:

1. Approve the Ashe Baptist Seminary Extension Center as a permanent institution.

2. Designate the second Sunday in January as Associational Missions Day and ask the churches to take an offering on this date for Associational Missions.

3. Impower the moderator to appoint a committee to nominate a director of music to work in cooperation with the Department of Church Music of the N. C. Baptist State Convention, promoting both vocal and appropriate instrumental music in our churches.

4. Advise the churches to operate under the budget system as advocated by the Baptist State Board and to increase their pastor's salary by a substantial margin (i. e. at least twenty per cent).

5. That the association approve as an official guide in all matters not covered by the "Rules of Order of the Association," "Kerfoot's Parliamentary Law," used by the North Carolina Baptist State Convention.

Respectfully submitted,
S. S. Graybeal,
Chairman of Executive Committee.

In Memoriam

- BIG FLATTS** — A. B. Jordan, Mrs. Ruth S. Andrews.
BETHEL — W. C. Vannoy.
BEAVER CREEK — Curtis Goodman.
BALD MOUNTAIN — (Deacon) W. M. Hopkins.
BLUE RIDGE — Albert Parsons.
BRISTOL — W. A. Waddell.
FAIRVIEW — Rowie Stout.
FRANKLIN — Miss Vera Horton, Fields Hash.
FRIENDSHIP — Martha Brown, Wiley Howell.
GLENDALE — Charlie Harless.
HEALING SPRINGS — Ida B. Francis, (Deacon) James Teaster.
LIBERTY GROVE — Joe P. Howell (Deacon).
LIBERTY HILL — Mrs. Sallie Roupe.
LONG BRANCH — Mrs. Margaret Poe, Mrs. Rebecca Welch Elliott.
LITTLE HELTON — Rev. J. C. Blevins.
LANDMARK — Mrs. Betty Ham, (Deacon) Walter A. Campbell, Mrs. G. L. Denny, Mrs. Laura Houck.
LAUREL HILL — Mrs. Bertie Testerman.
MISSION HOME — Rev. L. N. Keller, Mrs. Laura Payne.
NEW RIVER — Mrs. Jennie Rutherford, Mrs. Zura Dixon, J. A. Garvy.
ORION — Oscar Lambert.
OLD FIELDS — Mrs. Cora Cheek, Mrs. Mary Ann Fletcher.
PLEASANT CHAPEL — Mrs. Mary Jane Elliott.
PLEASANT HOME — Maude Pasley, Mattie Pollard.
PHEONIX — Miss Elizabeth Rhodes.
STURGILLS — Deacon Edd Spencer.
THREE FORKS — Mrs. Amanda Osborne.
TUCKERDALE — Ed Miller.
VALLEY HOME — Deacon W. R. Miller.
WELCOME HOME — Mrs. Clemmie Goodman.
WEST JEFFERSON — Mrs. Joe Hudler, Grant Frazier.

Associational Missions

During and since the New Testament times churches have worked together on the basis of "voluntary cooperation." Among Baptists that relationship ultimately took the form of district associations and eventually conventions. Although the first association on the North American Continent was organized in Philadelphia, Pa., in 1707, it has been only during the last few years that this first unit of denominational cooperation has begun to be properly emphasized and recognized for its strategic value in the causes of missions, evangelism, stewardship and Christian programs of development for the individual and his church. One aspect of the increasing emphasis upon the association has been the advent of the associational missionary. Today there are 57 of these servants of the Lord and of the denomination scattered across the state from the Chowan to the Brunswick, and from the Ashe-Alleghany to the West Liberty. In a few cases two associations work together and employ one missionary between them. To undergird this associational approach, the State Convention is maintaining two general missionaries, one in the west and one in the east. In addition it is assisting in the salary support of most of the associational missionaries.

Annual Summer
Conference
at the
N. C. Baptist
Assembly



Annual Workshop
for
Associational
Missionaries



More and more North Carolina Baptists are realizing the importance of this primary area of missions. To strengthen the association is to strengthen the whole denominational structure. The associations are interested in being witnesses "both in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth." Theirs is a total missionary endeavor.

Division of Church Programs

Director

AN INTRODUCTION

The Division of Church Programs embraces a wide variety of activities. They are: Sunday School Department, Training Union Department, Department of Student Work, Department of Church Music, Church Planning Department, Assemblies and Camps, Brotherhood and Royal Ambassador Department, and all projects which are directly related to the programs of the local church.

These departments, with skilled, competent staffs, are quietly performing indispensable ministries in the churches and associations of the denomination fifty-two weeks a year. Southern Baptists are extremely fortunate in having in the Sunday School Board the most highly developed and effective agency in America for the carrying out of the purposes of enlistment, education and promotion in and through local churches. The Sunday School Board, with its highly trained staff of experts in the fields of Sunday School, Training Union, Church Music, Student Work, book stores, assemblies, family life, education, architectural consultation, etc., is constantly studying and experimenting in methods and materials, seeking to provide the best of both for the churches. Through the State Convention organizations the ministries of the Sunday School Board are transmitted to the churches and associations and assistance is provided in training leadership skilled in their use. These programs have been the secret of the phenomenal growth of Southern Baptists. Almost every department of work in the Sunday School Board has its counterpart in the State Convention organization. From these state organizations assistance goes on to the local communities.

We proudly present these various programs, with their staffs, in the following pages.

Sunday School

HERMAN IHLEY, Secretary

The Sunday School Department seeks to help the local church in its endless task of reaching, teaching, winning, and developing people for Christian discipleship through Bible study.

Its primary function is to discover, develop, and promote principles and methods for organizing new units, and to enlarge and improve existing Sunday Schools, Vacation Bible schools, church kindergartens, and week-day Bible study projects in the churches.

The program consists of the following activities: director and pastor-led enlargement campaigns in the associations, Vacation Bible school clinics, both state and associational; the promotion of the Church Study Course for Teaching and Training which is designed to offer valuable assistance to all teachers and officers; Bible teaching clinics; enlargement efforts in churches preparing to



Herman Ihley

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Training Union—D. C. Severt.
W. M. U.—Mrs. Ralph Parsons.
Ministerial Conference—Rev. John Goodman.

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OFFICERS FOR THE ASHE TRAINING UNION ORGANIZATION 1958—1959

Director—D. C. Severt.
Associate Director—Audley B. Frazier.
Pastor-Advisor—Rev. W. T. Whittington.
Chorister—Dewey Campbell.
Pianist—Mrs. Alma Lee Childress.
Secretary and Treasurer—Mrs. Arthur Harless.

DEPARTMENTAL LEADERS

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Beginner—Mrs. Earl Hopkins.
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Junior—
Intermediate—Gwyn E. Harless.
Young People—Robert Fletcher.
Adults—Herman Gentry.

GROUP LEADERS

Group I—Mrs. Glenn McCoy.
Group II—Edison Harless.
Group III—Mrs. Bill Eggers.
Group IV—Mrs. Leonard Hudler.
Group V—Sanford Howell.
Group VI—Grover Marsh.

PROGRAM

ASHE MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION 1959 SESSION

August 13, 1959—Pleasant Valley Baptist Church

Morning

- 9:00 Worship—Song, Scripture, Prayer—Rev. G. L. Denny
9:15 Organization and Business
1. Seating of Messengers
 2. Adoption of Program
 3. Reception of Visitors and New Pastors
 4. Appointment of Committees
- 9:30 The Churches and Benevolent Services
1. Report on Children's Homes—Grover Marsh
 2. Report on Hospital—J. H. Gentry
 3. Report on Baptist Homes—Mrs. F. L. Waddell
- 10:30 Congregational Hymn
10:40 Business Session
1. Report of Executive Committee
 2. Report of Associational Missions—Audley B. Frazier



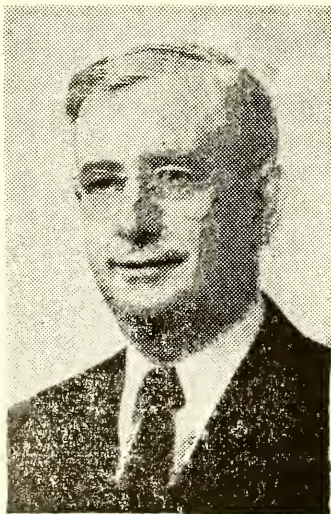
FRIENDSHIP CHURCH, where the opening meeting of the seventy-first annual session of the Ashe Missionary Baptist Association was held.

REV. G. C. BURKETT, pastor of the Friendship Baptist church, where a part of the seventy-first session of the Ashe Missionary Baptist was held.

ASHE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION



JEFFERSON BAPTIST CHURCH, where the closing meeting of the seventy-first annual session of the Ashe Missionary Baptist Association was held.



REV. W. T. WHITTINGTON, pastor of the Jefferson Baptist Church, where a part of the seventy-first session of the Ashe Missionary Baptist convention was held.

per pastor of \$811.24 or an average per church of \$473.22. This breaks down to an average per resident member of \$7.11 or 50 1/4¢ per month or less than 2¢ per day. The stark truth revealed by these figures may be understood if we remember that this figure is less than the maximum allowed by the Department of Public Welfare for a man and wife (a family of two) to have the minimum necessities of life! This in the face of the fact that many of our preachers have two or more children!

The upshot of all this is three-fold: (1) We are disobedient children both as laymen and as pastors, as laymen in that we force our preachers to seek secular employment to help support their families (it costs preachers as much to live as anyone else) and as preachers in that they have permitted us to do this. (2) Our preachers cannot become members of the retirement system on such salaries. In old age they must look to other sources for their support, and (3) Our churches are suffering for the leadership to which they are entitled by God-called preachers. After all, to what did God call them? To the ministry or to the farm, store or business?

Let's get this matter on our hearts and become obedient to the scripture mentioned above and see a new day dawn for our churches in the Ashe Baptist Association.

Respectfully submitted,
C. M. Payne

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONARY'S REPORT

August 15 1957 — August 10, 1958

Type of work done in the churches:

Sermons preached—26.

Sunday School Classes Taught—11.

Sunday School Study Courses Taught—5.

Training Union Study Courses Taught—5.

Vacation Bible Schools Conducted—11.

Vacation Bible Schools Promoted—12.

Prayer Meetings Conducted—2.

Church Budgets Helped Plan—2.

BTU and Devotional Talks—4.

Brotherhoods Help Organize—3.

Associational Promotional Efforts:

Seminary Extension Center, West Jefferson Church, help promote and taught two classes 1957-58.

W. M. U. Leadership Conference, West Jefferson, 1.

Training Union "M" Night, West Jefferson, 1.

Preachers' School, West Jefferson, 5.

Vacation Bible School Clinic, West Jefferson, 1.

Baptist Youth Night, Jefferson, 1.

Ashe Hymn Sing, 2.

Music School, West Jefferson, 5.

Forward Program of Church Finance Clinic, West Jefferson, 2.
Other efforts used to promote the work. (Both Associations).
Conferences: Individual 406; Group 29; Committee 26.

Mail sent out:

Letters—1,213; Cards—283; Reports—60; Calendar of Activities prepared and distributed—270; Bulletins prepared and mailed—2,494.

Miles traveled to promote the work—14,185.

Meetings Outside the Association attended by the Missionary:

Baptist State Convention, Raleigh—3.

State Evangelistic Conference, Charlotte—1.

Forward Program of Church Finance Clinic, Hickory—2.

Regional Training Union Convention, Boone—1.

Southern Baptist Convention, Houston, Texas—4.

Associational Missionaries' Conference, Caswell, Southport, N. C.—

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Respectively submitted,

Audley B. Frazier, Missionary Ashe-

Alleghany Associations

(1958)

NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST HOMES FOR AGING BY JAMES M. HAYES, GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT

The Homes For Aging are now in their eighth year of operation—Resthaven opened March 16, 1951; the Albemarle Home, December 7, 1953; and the Administration Building, Winston-Salem, June 13, 1957. The three Homes have facilities for 119—counting residents and helpers. The average number of residents will exceed 100.

Efforts were launched in June to raise \$100,000 to match a gift of Mr. Don G. Matthews, Sr., of \$50,000 and land on which to build a fourth Home For The Aging to be located at Hamilton, Martin County. It is expected that the campaign will be successfully completed this year, and the construction of the new Home will then begin. This Home will provide facilities for approximately forty residents, giving a total capacity for all three Homes of 150 persons.

The Homes have had a good year financially. The auditors' report for the year ending September 30, 1957 showed that the income was \$268,924.58. When the new Administration Building was ready for occupancy, \$103,000 was borrowed to finish paying for construction and equipment. All of this has been repaid except \$20,000. Funds received from the Special Day Offering and the Cooperative Program have helped to meet the current cost of operation. The Homes have also received help from individual and corporation gifts. The largest individual gift for the year was \$40,000.

A large number of the residents have been aided financially. Less than ten per cent of the residents have given to the Homes assets sufficient to pay their cost of keep for life. Thirteen residents have paid

Teaching Mountain Preachers Was Delight to J. C. Canipe

"I came from common people, and I know common people," asserted Dr. J. C. Canipe as he discussed changes which have occurred among Baptists in denominational structures during his 60 years in the ministry. "The theology of Baptists hasn't changed much," he declared, "but there have been tremendous improvements in attitudes toward a cooperative ministry."

Canipe, the founder of Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute, started teaching rural mountain preachers in his study while he was pastor of First Church, Boone. "They saw that I loved them," said the 83 year old retired Fruitland Director, "and they asked me if I would teach them." He soon had to move his eager pupils out of his study into a church classroom as the number increased, and before transferring to the Fruitland campus he was regularly teaching up to 60 men, coming from surrounding areas in both North Carolina and Tennessee.

Broke Down Prejudice

He said he was initially ridiculed by some of his friends for his efforts. "They referred to my pupils as 'that little bunch of ignoramuses Canipe is teaching'," he said. When this reached the ears of the pupils he told them, "They may say you are ignorant, but you don't have to remain that way!" They were determined not to, and they continued studying until they were able to fill their pulpits with grace and honor. Canipe never referred to these sincere and God-called men as being ignorant.

One of the most significant changes resulting in this ministry has been the breakdown of prejudice on the part of an educated versus an uneducated ministry, says Canipe. This prejudice worked both ways, for seminary graduates felt these men could never effectively serve churches, and these men were certain seminary graduates had been brainwashed of true Biblical theology, and were therefore denying the faith. This ministry brought them together, and they discovered they were brothers in Christ, working for a common cause.

Canipe, a 1918 graduate of Wake Forest and a 1922 graduate of Southern Seminary, has served from janitor

in a Baptist church all the way to president of the N. C. Convention. He has had only three pastorates since seminary days, all of them lengthy. While director of Fruitland Bible Institute, he also served as director of evangelism for the Convention. **OVER →**



Brought Changes

Graduates of Fruitland brought about great changes in churches they served, says the octogenarian. "Mountain people learned through them that cooperative Baptists are not wild animals," he declares, "and they no longer blame the whole Convention just because of a blunder made by one of its employees." He feels that Fruitland has been a bridge to understanding, and that traffic has moved both ways in accomplishing this. Its greatest strides have been in reaching churches with small memberships, in a denomination primarily made up of small churches.

When the Convention assumed responsibility for the institute, it was simply called "Fruitland Preachers School." Later through study and recommendation of a committee of the General Board, it was upgraded to Bible Institute status. Designed to train men called late in life for the ministry, or those without adequate educational background to be accepted in college or seminary, the institute offers a curriculum paralleling much of what might be gained in one of these institutions. It seeks to provide whatever is needed by the student, and prepares him for an effective pastoral ministry.

Pastors Attend Convention

Through his Fruitland influence Canipe always advised churches to send their pastors to both state and Southern Baptist Convention meetings so they could return to inform the people. This has become common practice in both small and large churches today. He has seen attitudes change, and Co-operative Program giving increased through the influences of Fruitland. He once made a survey of C. P. giving in churches of its students before and after they came to the institute, and the increases were impressive.

With mustache and long hair, Canipe is a distinguished looking retired minister who has bent to the styles of



*DR. J. C. CANIPE and his daughter
Mrs. T. W. Bailey.*

today's generation, just as he stayed in touch with mountain ministers surrounding him when teaching them at Boone and at Fruitland. He presently lives with his daughter, Mrs. T. W. (Frances) Bailey, 8324 Raintree Lane, Matthews, N. C. 28105.

He says the biggest change in Baptist life is the change from pure democracy to representative democracy in most of our churches.

Irras Goodman Willagrey Harless



Paul & Garland Hart

In Memoriam

BAPTIST HOME—Mrs. Ettie Osborne
BIG FLATS—Mr. Floyd Church
BIG LAUREL—Deacon Roy Roten
BLUE RIDGE—Mrs. Z. A. Greer, Mr. W. T. Beshears, Mrs. Audrey, Lee Davis
BRISTOL—Mr. Joseph Roland, Mrs. Susie C. Eller, Mrs. Mamie Wallace, Mr. Buster Miller.
CLIFTON—Mr. Thomas Glenn Jones.
FARMER'S MEMORIAL—Mr. L. A. Weaver
GLENDALE—Mrs. Mattie Harless
HEALING SPRINGS—Mr. Carl Blevins, Mrs. Nell B. Phipps, Mrs. Barbara I. Ham, Roby Francis
LANDMARK—Mr. George Bower, Mrs. Irene M. McCurry, Mrs. Mary S. Brooks, Mr. Charlie Goodman, Miss Lena Brooks
LIBERTY GROVE—Mrs. Lethia Watson, Mrs. Sadie Howell Houck
MISSION HOME—Mrs. Hattie Waugh
MIDWAY—W. Park Gentry
MOUNT OLIVE—Mrs. Helen Banks
NEW RIVER—Mrs. Mollie Davis, Mrs. Mira Sawyers, Mrs. Myrtle Phipps
NORTH BEAVER—Deacon Worth Miller
NOTTINGHAM—Mr. Everett Severt
OAK HILL—Mrs. Tamsey Stuart
OBIDS—Miss Mollie Colvard, Mrs. Arthur Harless
OLD FIELDS—Mrs. Lizzie Phillips
ORION—Deacon W. M. Dillard, Mrs. Alice Bare, Miss Sallie Mabel Bowers
PILOT MOUNTAIN—Mr. Robert Phillips
PLEASANT CHAPEL—Elder G. M. Shepherd
PORTER'S GROVE—Mrs. S. P. Johnson
ROCK CREEK—Mrs. Almedia Winebarger, Mrs. Rachel Mahala
ROUND KNOB—Mr. Oliver Polk
SABBATH HOME—Mr. Wiley Elliott
THREE FORKS—Mrs. Jane Allne
TUCKERDALE—Mrs. Mattie Miller, Mrs. Mary Graham
WEST JEFFERSON—Mrs. Wade E. Vannoy, Jr., Mrs. B. D. Barr
BRADDOCK—Mrs. Celia Edwards, Mr. Burton Blevins

Fruitland Bible Institute and Camp

FRITZ HEMPHILL, Associate in Missions and Director of Fruitland Bible Institute and Camp



Fritz Hemphill

This school opened October 15, 1946, with 46 students enrolled. During the 1959-60 session 160 were enrolled. These students come from every area of the state and several adjoining states; however, the majority come from the Western and Piedmont sections.

Fruitland Bible Institute provides the missing link in our program of Christian education. It was established and designed to meet the needs of men called of God to preach the Gospel who by virtue of age or lack of preparation cannot attend college or seminary. The School offers courses of study in Old and New Testament, Sermon Preparation, church training activities, Evangelism, Missions, Church History, Rural Sociology, Literature and Remedial English, and Stewardship. Future plans call for an extension of the session duration from eighteen to thirty-six weeks, and full accreditation as a Bible Institute.

Fruitland also sponsors a summer camp each year from the middle of June to the middle of August. The camp program includes Junior Choir, Training Union, Royal Ambassadors and Girls Auxiliary. The camp will accomodate 240 at nominal rates.

Recreation program includes swimming, shuffle board, baseball and hiking under the direction of a well trained staff.

Address all inquiries regarding the Bible Institute and Camp to: Rev. Fritz D. Hemphill, Fruitland Bible Institute, Hendersonville, North Carolina.



**Typical Class At
Fruitland Bible Institute**



Summer Camp

Baptist Hospital

REID HOLMES, Administrator



Reid Holmes

At North Carolina Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem, we conduct an extensive ministry of healing, teaching, and preaching.

Founded in 1923, the Hospital has grown into an institution with 450 beds, a wealth of modern specialized equipment, a staff of 1200, an educational program which enrolls more than 500 students a year, an out-patient department with clinics in every medical specialty, and a Department of Pastoral Care which has earned national distinction. Important research into the cause and cure of illness is always in progress.



W. K. McGee

Director, Denominational Relations

Baptists from all over North Carolina depend upon the Hospital when they need medical treatment and care beyond that available in their home communities. Forty percent of the work done is for patients who cannot pay all, and often cannot pay any, of the cost of their care. No one has ever been denied help because of inability to pay, for our churches provide for the needy sick through the Mother's Day Offering.

Through the help of the Baptist State Convention and friends, the Hospital has acquired a seven million dollar property, occupying 20 acres. Income consists of the Mother's Day Offering, (\$95,841 in 1960), a share in the Cooperative Program (\$46,862 in 1960), receipts from paying patients, voluntary donations, and funds received from public and private agencies for certain patients.

In the decade of 1949-1959, days of care increased from 90,215 to 132,993 out-patient clinic visits by the needy sick from 46,596 to 74,643, the number of clinics increased from 21 to 33. Your Baptist Hospital is committed to a program of healing which emphasizes spiritual techniques coupled with the best in medical science.



Aerial View
of the
Baptist Hospital
Including
New Addition

Children's Homes

W. R. WAGONER, General Superintendent



W. R. Wagoner

The Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina, Incorporated, is a multiple service agency providing Christian love and nurture for more than 800 deserving boys and girls annually.

The three homes are: Mills Home at Thomasville with 311 residents, Kennedy Home at Kinston with 165, and Odum Home at Pembroke with 24 children. There are 160 children in Foster Homes and 40 others who are assisted by Mothers Aid. Case work supervision is afforded 30 college students.

Children in the Homes attend public schools and participate in all school activities. Opportunities for Christian commitment and spiritual growth are afforded on the campuses, in the cottages, and through the churches.

Relatives, pastors, social service agencies, and interested friends make inquiries about admission of children in need of care. When applications are received, well

trained case workers make a thorough study of each situation to determine the need and the best possible plan of care for the child.

The Social Service Department of the Children's Homes affords case work services throughout the state. Individuals, families, pastors, and churches are entitled to this help upon request.

The Baptist child care program in North Carolina is supported through the Co-operative Program (31.5 per cent), Thanksgiving offerings (31.1 per cent), Once a month offerings (21.9 per cent), Special gifts (11.4 per cent), and Endowment (4.1 per cent). (1960 figures).

North Carolina Baptists have been caring for homeless and dependent children for 75 years. More than 7,000 children have in this way been afforded life's best opportunities. The need for such services increases with the development of industry, increase in population, growth of cities, and the mounting tensions which accrue to families in an urbanized society.

North Carolina Baptists will continue to love and serve dependent children. No other object is more worthy of service and sacrifice.



Mills Home
Thomasville



Odum Home
Pembroke

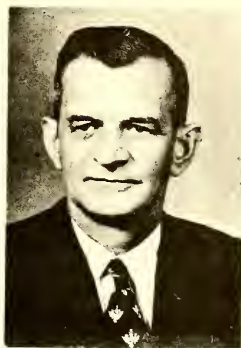


Kennedy Home
Kinston

Division of Stewardship

EARLE L. BRADLEY, Director

Within the Division of Stewardship Promotion and Editorial Services there is the Department of Stewardship Promotion; the Department of Program Services; and the Director of Retirement Plans. Future plans call for the addition of a Statistical Analyst and Library and Tract Service.



Earle Bradley

The Director is responsible to the General Secretary for the over-all performances of all departments and offices of this Division. He plans and works with the Secretary of Stewardship Promotion in promoting every phase of our Baptist Program in North Carolina and the Southern Baptist Convention, especially in the field of finances. The Baptist State Convention is the collecting agent for the institutions and agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention. Christian stewardship, as practiced by individuals and the churches, is the foundation of the entire Co-operative World Mission Program.

The Director works with the Secretary of the Department of Program Services to provide editorial services and in producing graphic arts for all departments of the General Board. Also, this department seeks to keep North Carolina Baptists informed as to the various activities of the Convention through the medium of radio, television and newspaper. We look forward to the time when we can have a general library and tract room for the promotion of our over-all program as sponsored by the Convention.

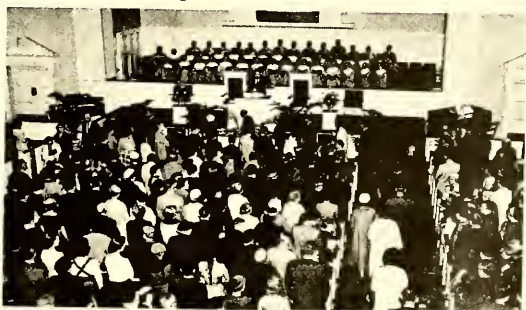
The division director works with the secretary of Retirement Plans in seeking to enlist pastors and employees of our Baptist churches to participate in the Retirement Program available through the Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Future plans call for the addition of a Statistical Analyst. Such a service would tend to correlate the work of the various divisions and provide a medium of information to the Baptists of the state.

A very important phase of this division's work is the area missionaries. We have two at present — one in the east and one in the west. It is possible that this ministry will be expanded in the future.

The division has regular staff meetings and once each quarter meets with all Convention staff personnel in a general staff meeting.

Pledging Sunday
at the
First Baptist Church
Hickory, N. C.



Stewardship Promotion

O. J. HAGLER, Secretary



O. J. Hagler

The Department of Stewardship Promotion is responsible for promoting the total program of North Carolina Baptists as related to their financial needs, recognizing, however, that the cultivation of Christian character is prerequisite to and a result of the teaching of Bible Stewardship.

This Department is created to serve all areas of Baptist life — churches, associations, state causes, institutions and agencies of the Convention.

Aid is extended in promoting approved Special Offerings, at the same time it is recognized that the Co-operative Program is the primary channel of support for all missionary and benevolent activity. Special Offerings must always be recognized as SUPPLEMENTARY and not SUBSTITUTIONARY.

Our work is effective only as churches, associations, agencies and institutions are willing to take advantage of

the services offered.

The training of Deacons, Church Finance Clinics and Conferences, Stewardship Revivals, the production and distribution of tracts, posters, and other church administrative materials are the media used to help undergird our TOTAL BAPTIST PROGRAM of preaching, teaching and healing.

Guy S. Cain, Boone; E. Cleve Wilkie, Kinston; R. Tom Greene, Earle L. Bradley and O. J. Hagler of Raleigh along with Mrs. W. I. Powell, office secretary comprise the staff which is ready to help in this vital ministry of leading our people to an understanding of Scriptural Stewardship and an ever growing Christian life.



Guy Cain, District
Promotion Director



Cleve Wilkie, District
Promotion Director

Ashe Missionary Baptist Association

NORTH CAROLINA

1886 - 1959

Held With

PLEASANT VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH

Grassy Creek, N. C.

and

PLEASANT HOME BAPTIST CHURCH

Grassy Creek, N. C.

AUGUST 13, 14, 1959

Rev. W. E. Denny.....Moderator

Rev. W. E. Burchett.....Vice-Moderator

McDaniel Harless.....Clerk and Treasurer

The Next Session Will Be Held With

LAUREL KNOB BAPTIST CHURCH

Todd, N. C.

AUGUST 18, 1960

BALD MOUNTAIN BAPTIST CHURCH

West Jefferson, N. C.

AUGUST 19, 1960

IN DEDICATION

By Order of the Association
These 1959 Minutes
Are Dedicated To The Memory of These Our Brethren
Who Have Entered Into Their
Eternal Reward

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REV. SQUIRE S. GRAYBEAL  
1905 - 1958

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REV. GEORGE M. REEVES
1879 - 1959

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REV. J. C. BLEVINS  
1885 - 1957





Rev. S. S. Graybeal



M. D. & Nora G. Hart



Rev. J. C. Blevins 1875-1957  
Preached for more than 50 years  
Pastored 16 Churches in Ashe Association

**IN MEMORIAM**

BALD MOUNTAIN — J. T. Campbell and Mrs. Myrtle Howell Hopkins.

BEAVER CREEK — Mrs. Ethel Ray Hardin.

BETHEL — Hamp Phillips and Mrs. Julia Walters.

BIG FLATS — Mrs. F. L. Houck.

BLUE RIDGE — Mrs. Jane Ashley Phillips and Mrs. Adina Nichols.

BRISTOL — Mrs. Caroline Combs.

CHESTNUT HILL — W. H. McMillan.

CLIFTON — Dall Pennington.

FRANKLIN — Mrs. Virginia Patrick.

FRIENDLY GROVE — Mrs. Julia Miller.

FRIENDSHIP — Deacon Troy Shatley.

Grassy Creek — W. F. Watson.

HEALING SPRINGS — Mrs. Cleve Alexander.

JEFFERSON — Hansford Eller.

LANDMARK — Mrs. Martha Blevins and Mrs. Minnie Stike.

LAUREL KNOB — Mrs. Dora Worley.

LONG BRANCH — Mrs. Louise Ashley and Mrs. Rebecca Gilley.

MISSION HOME — Blain Hill Greene and Roy Gentry.

MOUNT OLIVE — Deacon Joe Miller.

NEW RIVER — Joner Phipps, Mrs. Zollie Grace and Deacon E. H. Handy.

OAK HILL — Tam Barker.

OBIDS — Mrs. Lizzie Hamby.

OLD FIELDS — Mrs. Sarah Tomlinson.

PHOENIX — Adolphus Hartsoe and Joseph Badger.

PILOT MOUNTAIN — Mrs. Julie Winebarger.

PINE MOUNTAIN — Sidney Allen.

PLEASANT HOME — J. W. Hudler and Armond Halsey.

PLEASANT VALLEY — Mrs. Laura Brinegar.

ROCK CREEK — Rev. S. S. Graybeal.

STURGILLS — Ray Sturgill.

TUCKERDALE — Mrs. Laura Miller, Mrs. Rachel Anderson and Joe Brooks.

WAGONER — R. C. Dishman.

WEST JEFFERSON — Mrs. B. E. Reeves, Mrs. H. C. Tucker and Rev. George M. Reeves.



**PLEASANT HOME BAPTIST CHURCH, where the closing meeting of the seventy-third annual session of the Ashe Missionary Baptist Association was held.**

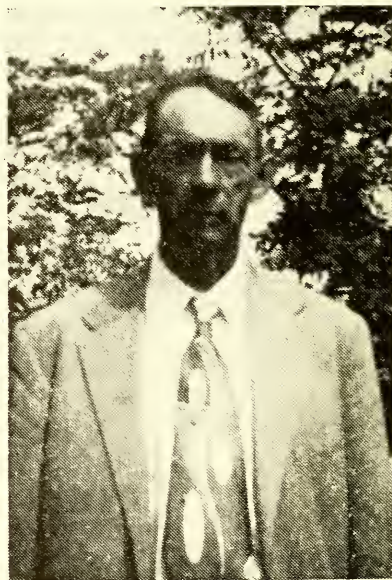


**REV. ROE PASLEY, pastor of Pleasant Home Baptist Church, where a part of the seventy-third annual session of the Ashe Missionary Baptist Association was held.**





**PLEASANT VALLEY CHURCH**, where the opening meeting of the seventy-third annual session of the Ashe Missionary Baptist Association was held.



**REV. C. L. DENNY**, pastor of Pleasant Valley Baptist Church, where a part of the seventy-third annual session of the Ashe Missionary Baptist Association was held.



## REPORT ON MINISTERS RETIREMENT AND PASTORS SUPPORT

The inspired writer of 1 Cor. 9: 4-14 said that those who preach the Gospel should get their support of the Gospel.

The same inspired writer in the same chapter said that a soldier got his support and those who plant a vineyard live off that vineyard.

The same inspired writer is saying to us that those who preach the Gospel are as much entitled to their support as the man who grows produce or runs a dairy, or any other industry whereby he makes a living.

I want to appeal to the pastors and church leaders to read this chapter mentioned and see if I have the correct interpretation.

I would like to say to the pastors that you are as much or more obligated to throw your full support into all activities of the church that we as Missionary Baptists believe as the man who works on the job is obligated to work.

Jesus gave us the example of a teaching program as well as a preaching program. All pastors should be faithful to their Vacation Bible Schools and any other teaching program that is for the advancement and knowledge of the church membership.

Brethren of our churches, we must see to it that the pastors who fulfill these obligations have a living for their work.

We should also see that they have a retirement benefit out of their labor to take care of them in their old age.

Respectfully submitted,  
David Harless

## REPORT OF ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONARY

### Type of Work Done In The Churches

|                                             |    |
|---------------------------------------------|----|
| Sermons preached .....                      | 41 |
| Sunday School Classes Taught.....           | 13 |
| Sunday School Study Courses Taught.....     | 12 |
| Brotherhood and Mission Studies Taught..... | 3  |
| Visual Aid Presented.....                   | 6  |
| Vacation Bible Schools Conducted.....       | 14 |
| Vacation Bible Schools Promoted.....        | 9  |
| Prayer Meetings Conducted.....              | 2  |
| Baptismal Services Conducted.....           | 1  |
| Lord's Supper Service Conducted.....        | 2  |
| Revivals Aided In.....                      | 2  |
| Church Religious Survey.....                | 1  |
| Ordination Services .....                   | 3  |

### Associational Promotional Efforts

|                                                                                          |   |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|
| Seminary Extension Center, West Jefferson Church (help promote and taught classes) ..... | 2 |
| Mission Study and Clinics.....                                                           | 2 |
| Ashe "M" Night, West Jefferson.....                                                      | 1 |
| Ashe Hymn Sing.....                                                                      | 3 |
| Ashe W.M.U. Leadership Conference, Friendly Grove.....                                   | 1 |
| Preachers' School, West Jefferson Church.....                                            | 5 |
| Ashe Evangelistic Rally, Warrensville.....                                               | 1 |
| Evangelistic Crusades .....                                                              | 2 |
| Vacation Bible School Clinic, West Jefferson.....                                        | 1 |
| Associational Baptist Training School, West Jefferson.....                               | 4 |

### Other Efforts Used To Promote The Work (Both Associations)

Conferences: Individual 495, Group 31, Committee 19  
Mail sent out: Letters 511, Cards 284, Reports 51, Other 9, Bulletins 2,625 and  
Calendar of Activities 246.

Miles Traveled in Promotion of the Work: Personal Car 16,754, Other Means 2,000.  
Total 18,754.

### Work Done or Meetings Attended Outside The Association

|                                                                                                   |  |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|
| Wilmington Associational Training Union Enlargement Campaign (days).....                          |  |
| Associational Missionaries' Conference, Durham (days).....                                        |  |
| Baptist State Convention, Durham (days).....                                                      |  |
| State Vacation Bible School Clinic, Fruitland (days).....                                         |  |
| Hospital Representative Meeting, Winston-Salem.....                                               |  |
| Special Baptist State Convention (days).....                                                      |  |
| Southern Baptist Convention, Louisville, Ky (days).....                                           |  |
| Associational Missionaries' Conference, Caswell Baptist Assembly,<br>Southport, N. C. (days)..... |  |

Respectfully submitted,  
Audley B. Frazier

### REPORT ON VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS

Bible Schools have been held in 38 of our churches this year, and one Mission School, making a total of 39 schools in the Ashe Association.

There was a total of 1331 boys and girls enrolled in 36 of these schools, with an average attendance of 1136.

Three Vacation Bible Schools have not yet reported, but the totals of the other 36 schools are as follows:

|                                                |          |
|------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Total Cost of 36 Schools.....                  | \$788.45 |
| Total Mission Offerings .....                  | 335.08   |
| Number Not In Sunday School.....               | 55       |
| Number of One-Day Pupils.....                  | 59       |
| Number of Dedications.....                     | 35       |
| Number of Professions of Faith.....            | 27       |
| Number of Schools Holding Preparation Day..... | 7        |
| Number of Schools Having A Parade.....         | 1        |

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Jordan

### REPORT ON CHRISTIAN LITERATURE

In the last 150 years, magazines have become an important way of informing people. Thus, what a person reads is reflected in his thinking and his deeds.

The need for reading Christian literature has not been emphasized, in many instances, as it should be.

Many Southern Baptists do not subscribe to any of our magazines, and some people do not know the names of our magazines or why they are published. These magazines are designed to acquaint the average layman with what we are doing and even more important to help him to become a better and more well-informed Christian.

We therefore heartily recommend:

**Home Life.** A Christian family magazine, which will fit into the reading habits of any Christian. It has articles that are both interesting and informative, plus a section to help Christian families in their daily worship.

**The Biblical Recorder** tells what Southern Baptists have been doing throughout North Carolina. The Recorder is probably the best known Baptist magazine in North Carolina.

**Charity and Children** is published by the Baptist Orphanage. It tells us what the Orphanage is doing for parentless children.

There are two mission magazines:

**The Commission** has articles about happenings in foreign lands that are important to us as Christians.

**Home Missions**, published by the Home Mission Board, keeps us informed on the progress of missions in our own country.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joe Graybeal

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO ORGANIZE ASSOCIATION

Nottingham, Braddock and other churches were organized into an association called the State Line Baptist Association. This was done on October 22, 23, 1958.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rev. M. D. Hart, Chairman  
Mrs. M. D. Hart  
Rev. A. B. Frazier

## REPORT ON MUSIC PROGRAM

Our Music Program for the past year has just existed.

We have had four quarterly singings. A Committee Meeting was held with Jefferson Baptist Church last fall.

A School of Music will be held the first week in October 1959. The school will be led by Joe Stroud and his associates.

Plans for the school will be announced at a later date.

Respectfully submitted,  
M. D. Hart

## REPORT ON PLACE AND PREACHER

First Day: Laurel Knob. Preacher: Rev. Herbert McCoy.

Second Day: Bald Mountain. Preacher: Rev. John Goodman.

Respectfully submitted,  
Paul Phipps  
D. C. Severt

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO STUDY CONSTITUTION

We, your Committee appointed at the August 13, 1959 session of the Ashe Missionary Baptist Association to study Article 3 of our Constitution, respectfully make the following recommendations:

1. That a special committee be named to study our entire Constitution with a view to re-writing it if found necessary, and report to the 1960 session.
2. In the interim, until a report is made by the above named committee, that our Executive Committee be composed as follows and that our Constitution is hereby amended to so provide:  
Article 3, Paragraph 1 to read as follows: At each annual meeting there shall be appointed an Executive Committee of nine brethren and/or sisters, one from each Sunday School and Training Union division, and three members at large, whose duty it shall be . . . etc; . . . session. The Moderator and Clerk shall be ex-officio members of this committee without the privilege of vote.
3. That Paragraph 2 of Article 3 be eliminated.

Respectfully submitted,  
George West, Chairman  
R. R. Campbell, Secretary  
M. D. Hart  
Dewey Brown  
Lee Bowers

### REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

We, the Finance Committee of the Ashe Missionary Baptist Association wish to submit the following suggested budget for the coming year 1959-1960:

|                                                                                                   |            |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| Associational Missionary: Salary, Rent, Travel Expenses,<br>Supplies and Convention Expenses..... | \$2,400.00 |
| Minutes .....                                                                                     | 375.00     |
| Clerk's Fee ,.....                                                                                | 50.00      |
| Postage and Supplies .....                                                                        | 50.00      |
| Training Union .....                                                                              | 50.00      |
| Sunday School .....                                                                               | 50.00      |
| Vacation Bible Schools .....                                                                      | 100.00     |
| Miscellaneous Expenses .....                                                                      | 15.00      |
| Retirement Fund .....                                                                             | 150.00     |
| Total .....                                                                                       | \$3,240.00 |

Respectfully submitted,  
R. C. Ashley, Chairman

### REPORT OF TREASURER

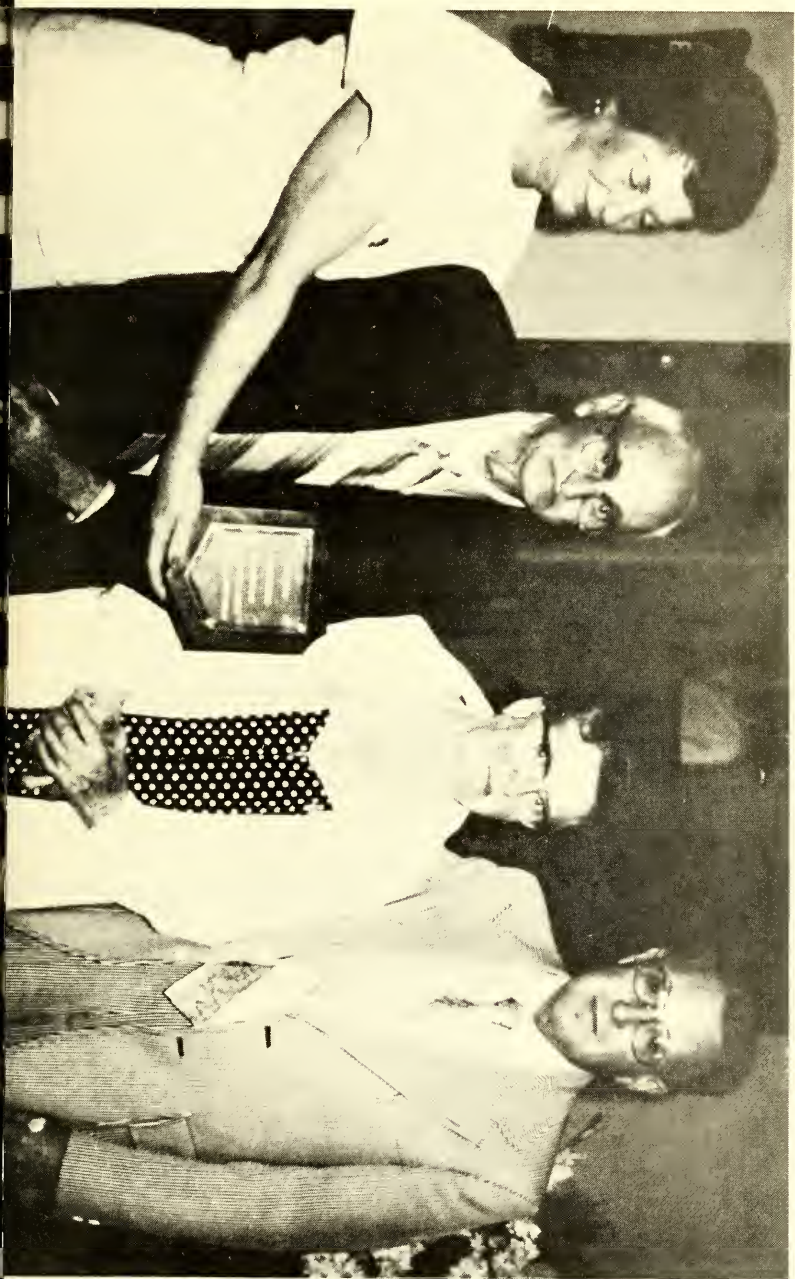
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|------------------------------|------------|
| Balance in Treasury .....    | \$ 1.12    |
| Received from Churches ..... | 2,810.35   |
| Total.....                   | \$2,811.47 |
| Missionary Ashe Share .....  | \$2,470.00 |
| Minutes .....                | 281.50     |
| Postage and Supplies .....   | 36.22      |
| Training Union .....         | 15.84      |
| Balance in Treasury .....    | 7.91       |
| Total.....                   | \$2,811.47 |

### Ashe - Alleghany

|                                                 |            |
|-------------------------------------------------|------------|
| Balance in Treasury .....                       | \$ 8.38    |
| Received from Ashe Association .....            | 2,470.00   |
| Received from Alleghany Association .....       | 960.00     |
| Received from State Convention .....            | 1,800.00   |
| Total .....                                     | \$5,238.38 |
| Paid Salary and Travel .....                    | \$4,200.00 |
| Rent .....                                      | 570.00     |
| Convention Expenses .....                       | 200.00     |
| Office and Vacation Bible School Supplies ..... | 256.76     |
| Balance in Treasury .....                       | 11.62      |
| Total .....                                     | \$5,238.38 |



Mr & Mrs. Walter Houck Honored for 64 Years as deacon in The Bald Mountain Baptist Church. Children, Gaynell & Clark looks on.



## Division of *Stewardship*

**O. J. HAGLER, Director**



**O. J. Hagler**

Within the Division of Stewardship Promotion and Editorial Services there is the Department of Stewardship Promotion; the Department of Program Services; and the Director of Retirement Plans. Future plans call for the addition of a Statistical Analyst and Library and Tract Service.

The Director is responsible to the General Secretary for the over-all performances of all departments and offices of this Division. He plans and works with the Secretary of Stewardship Promotion in promoting every phase of our Baptist Program in North Carolina and the Southern Baptist Convention, especially in the field of finances. The Baptist State Convention is the collecting agent for the institutions and agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention. Christian stewardship, as practiced by individuals and the churches, is the foundation of the entire Co-operative World Mission Program.

## *Stewardship Promotion*

**R. T. GREENE, Secretary**



**R. T. Greene**

The Department of Stewardship Promotion is responsible for promoting the total program of North Carolina Baptists as related to their financial needs, recognizing, however, that the cultivation of Christian character is prerequisite to and a result of the teaching of Bible Stewardship.

This Department is created to serve all areas of Baptist life — churches, associations, state causes, institutions and agencies of the Convention.

Aid is extended in promoting approved Special Offerings, at the same time it is recognized that the Co-operative Program is the primary channel of support for all missionary and benevolent activity. Special Offerings must always be recognized as SUPPLEMENTARY and not SUBSTITUTIONARY.

Our work is effective only as churches, associations, agencies and institutions are willing to take advantage of

the services offered.

# Woman's Missionary Union

MIRIAM ROBINSON, Executive Secretary



Miriam Robinson

The official title of Woman's Missionary Union designates it as: "auxiliary to the Baptist State Convention." This means that it seeks to cooperate with and promote the total convention program. Not being a department of the Convention, it has its own state president and executive board. Its operating budget is approved by and comes through the Baptist State Convention from cooperative program receipts. This budget is supplemented by a variable sum from its own annual Heck-Jones Memorial Offering. A statewide meeting is held annually, begin-



Mrs. A. L. Parker  
State WMU President

g Tuesday evening following the second Sunday in March and lasting through Thursday noon.

The specific purpose of Woman's Missionary Union is to promote Christian missions through Woman's Missionary Societies, Young Woman's Auxiliaries, Girls' Auxiliaries and Sunbeam Bands. The plan of work in all of these organizations includes mission study, prayer, stewardship and community missions.

The State WMU leadership works closely and in complete harmony with the departments and leaders of the Baptist State Convention, encouraging the association and local WMU leaders to maintain a similar relationship. Through its staff of workers it seeks to lead in the organization of new societies and related organizations in churches where they do not exist.



Ella Dean Freeman  
GA Director



Kathryn Bullard  
WMS Director



Sara Ann Hobbs  
YWA Director



# Biblical Recorder

MARSE GRANT, Editor

The BIBLICAL RECORDER is the official organ of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. J. Marse Grant is editor and C. W. Bazemore is associate editor and circulation manager. The journal has been published weekly since its beginning in 1833.

When the Baptist State Convention was organized in 1830, its main purpose, according to the Constitution, was "the promotion of missions, education, social service, and the distribution of sound religious literature." Shortly afterward, in 1833, the BIBLICAL RECORDER was founded and it has been published continuously since that time. It is the one publication covering the entire field of Baptist cooperative efforts. The RECORDER has been referred to as "the only means of promoting all Baptist work in every home each week." The RECORDER seeks to serve all the Baptists of this state convention. It welcomes newsworthy material from any Baptist source.



Marse Grant

Churches are urged to subscribe to the RECORDER under the Every Family Plan for only \$2.00 a year for each subscription – or less than the cost of a 4¢ stamp each week for each family in the church. This is the most popular plan and accounts for nearly 50,000 of the more than 77,000 subscribers who get the paper each week.

The Club Plan (four or more subscriptions in the same church) is only \$2.50 while individual subscriptions are \$3.00. All papers are mailed directly to the subscriber regardless of the subscription plan used.

All pastors and Sunday school superintendents receive the paper without cost. Those who are not receiving their complimentary copies of the RECORDER should write to the BIBLICAL RECORDER, P. O. Box 9325, Raleigh, North Carolina. All communications should be sent to the same address.



Staff Revising RECORDER Mailing List  
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Preparation of News Copy.



Buried in  
Laurens, S.C.  
Mar, 14, 1977

## Church Music

Joe Stroud, 54,  
Dies; March 11,  
1977.  
Chapel Hill Hosp

**JOSEPH O. STROUD, Secretary**

The purpose of the Department of Church Music is to plan and promote a program of church music education to the end that music may be used more effectively in the worship and Christian education of the churches. To serve in accomplishing this purpose the department sets up a music organization in each of the associations, and a program of teaching, training, festivals, hymn sings, and conferences is carried on through this organization. Twenty-two Regional Directors are enlisted to help in the associational promotion.

In addition, weeks of music study are offered each summer at the North Carolina Baptist Assembly and Fruitland Baptist Camp. Five areas of work in the music ministry of the church are emphasized through the department: Congregational Activities, Choral Activities, Instrumental Activities, Training Activities, and Promotional Activities.

The department also works with the other departments in the interest of music — the Sunday School, Training Union, Woman's Missionary Union, Baptist Brotherhood, Vacation Bible School, and the Division of Evangelism. It also works with the Convention's Committee on Order of Business in planning the music for the annual sessions of the Convention.

Joseph O. Stroud is Secretary for the Department which is now in its sixth year of service. The department is anxious to be of help to every church in its efforts to develop music appreciation and in the use of music for spiritual ends.



Joseph O. Stroud



A Conference in Conducting  
of the Assembly



Music Week at the Assembly:  
Annual Concert



Intermediate Conference  
of the Assembly



Music Committee  
of Association



Associational  
School of Music



Annual Choir Festival  
Wake Forest College

# Fruitland Bible Institute and Camp

*The Fruitland Bible Institute had its beginning in the bassment of the First Baptist church Boone, N.C.*

*It grew out of the annual one week preacher's Schools Conducted in Watauga & Ashe Baptist Association's.*

*Dr. J. C. Canipe' pastor of The First Baptist Church Boone, N.C. Conceived the idea of starting a School for mountain preachers and pastors.*

*He started the School in the bassement of First Baptist Church Boone, N.C. Serving as its director, He was assisted by Rev. J. C. Pipes, of Asheville, N.C. Airy Missionary for Western North Carolina. Dr. Canipe & Rev. J. C. Pipes was the teacher'S.*

*The School was so successful that Dr. M. A. Huggins, came and ask Dr. Canipe to move the School to Fruitland, N.C. To a High School Building owned by the Baptist State Convention. And to be the president.*



Typical Class At  
Fruitland Bible Institute



Summer Camp

# Ashe Missionary Baptist Association

NORTH CAROLINA

1886 - 1960

Held With  
LAUREL KNOB BAPTIST CHURCH  
Todd, N. C.

and

BALD MOUNTAIN BAPTIST CHURCH  
West Jefferson, N. C.  
AUGUST 18, 19, 1960

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## IN DEDICATION

By Order of the Association  
These 1960 Minutes  
Are Dedicated To The Memory of This Our **Brother**  
Who Has Entered Into His  
Eternal Reward



REV. FRANKLIN BARKER



# Seminary Extension and Adult Education

ROY J. SMITH, Associate in Missions

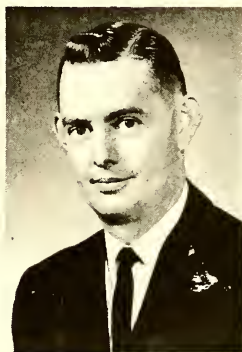
This is a program being carried on in Region Ten by the Home Mission Board, the Seminary Extension Department of the Southern Baptist Convention and the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. The purpose is to enlist pastoral and lay leadership in the churches in a learning experience designed to stimulate growth and make more effective their leadership in the churches. The courses of study are offered for these leaders who desire further study and training but cannot leave home to attend college or seminary.

The first season in this missionary venture closed in the spring of 1961. Two hundred and fifty-five persons were enrolled in seven centers strategically located in eleven towns in Region Ten of the western section of the state. Three centers for the negro leadership were organized and will continue to function in succeeding years along with the other centers.

The courses of study offered are New Testament, Old Testament, Preaching, Evangelism, Rural Church Development, and Church History. Credit is given by the Sunday School Board and the Seminary Extension Department when these courses ARE COMPLETED. These subjects are taught by competent and approved teachers once a week for one and two hours, extending over a period of 18 weeks. All the centers do not meet the same night of the week but spread their sessions from Monday through Thursday nights.

The cost to each student is very nominal. Scholarships plus travel are offered to those who feel they are unable to pay. A modest honorarium is given to each of the teachers in the centers. The Woman's Missionary Union of North Carolina is undergirding this new mission work with their prayers and support.

In connection with this work "Learning to Read" classes for adults have been opened in three of the centers and efforts are being made to extend this ministry through all the centers. This program is being carried on in cooperation with the World Literacy Movement.



Roy J. Smith



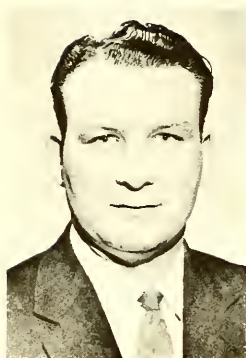
Lay Leadership Class in Literacy Work



Macon Seminary Extension Center, Franklin

# Brotherhood and Royal Ambassadors

CLYDE L. DAVIS, Secretary



Clyde L. Davis

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Transferring of Deed on 977 Acre Site for  
Proposed R. A. Camp



Brotherhoods Conduct Mission Services

# Associational Missions

During and since the New Testament times churches have worked together on basis of "voluntary cooperation." Among Baptists that relationship ultimately took the form of district associations and eventually conventions. Although the first association on the North American Continent was organized in Philadelphia, Pa., in 1707, it has been only during the last few years that this first unit of denomination-cooperation has begun to be properly emphasized and recognized for its strategic value in the causes of missions, evangelism, stewardship and Christian programs of development for the individual and his church. There are 80 associations in North Carolina. One aspect of the increasing emphasis upon the association has been the development of the associational missionary. Today there are 66 of these servants of the Lord and of the denomination scattered across the state from the Chowan to the Pamlico, and from the Ashe-Alleghany to the West Liberty. In a few cases two associations work together and employ one missionary between them. The Convention gives strong financial support to the Associational Missions Program in most of the associations.



Annual Missionaries Work Shop



Associational Missionary Plans  
Program with a Local Pastor



Meet the Associational  
Missionaries

More and more North Carolina Baptists are realizing the importance of this primary area of missions. To strengthen the association is to strengthen the whole denominational structure. The associations are interested in being witnesses "both in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth." There is a total missionary endeavor.



# Cherokee Ministry

**MR. BOYD HORTON, Superintendent**

Three years ago the work in the Cherokee Indian Reservation became a cooperative ministry between the Home Mission Board and the Baptist State Convention. In the new arrangement, the Home Mission Board provides counsel and about one third of the finances for the development of the work. The State Convention provides about two thirds of the financial support and administrative leadership. In the case of Cherokee Mission Church in the town of Cherokee, the congregation provides about 40 per cent of the operational support, and the State Convention and Home Mission Board provide 60 per cent.

Mr. Horton is superintendent of the work in the Cherokee Association. The pastor of the Mission Church will serve as his associate.

At present there are approximately 6,000 on the Reservation. Of this number 1,300 are Baptists comprising 15 congregations.

The new arrangement will make possible a more definite ministry of development with the other 14 churches. This will be the responsibility of the superintendent. Much progress has already been registered, both in the Mission Church and the association.



**Mr. Boyd Horton**



**Local Pastor Teaches Bible Class**



**Boyd Horton Confers with Pastor**



**Cherokee Baptist Church**



# Baptist Jubilee Advance

## Schedule



### 1963 EMPHASIS

#### World Missions

World Missions year will be a year of especial evangelistic effort in all lands where Baptists witness. Emphasis will be given not only to overseas missions, but to mission work being done by the individual churches, associations, state conventions and Home Mission Board.

1963 World Missions Year points to the Year of Jubilee in 1964 to be climaxed by the Third Jubilee Celebration in Atlantic City, May 19-24, 1964. The first national organization of Baptists in America – The General Missionary Convention of the Baptist Denomination in the United States for Foreign Missions – was founded in Philadelphia in 1814, and from its custom of meeting each third year became known as the Triennial Convention. The Baptist movement in America was born in missionary and evangelistic concern. These must continue to be its basic motivations.

Each local church will find its place in the Jubilee Advance spirit by winning the lost people around it, establishing missions where they are needed, sharing worthily in world mission support through the Cooperative Program, and by earnest prayer for the members of this great Baptist family all over the world.

### 1964 THIRD JUBILEE YEAR

This year will mark the 150th anniversary of the founding of the "Triennial Convention" in Philadelphia. There will be a joint meeting of all the conventions participating in the Jubilee Advance in Atlantic City in May. Previous to this, all of the particular groups will hold their individual meetings in the Atlantic City area.



## Foreword

Most of our weaknesses as a great Christian body stem from lack of information and communication. We are most interested in those things we know most about, particularly if they vitally affect our dominant interests.

The Baptist State Convention represents in its program of Christian action the prayerful desires of every concerned and cooperative Baptist who is a member of a church in association with other Baptist churches in the Baptist State Convention. The following booklet is designed to provide brief but accurate information about the great world mission activity of North Carolina Baptists, and the persons, programs and institutions through which that activity is finding daily expression. Additional information about any phase or department of the work of the Convention will be gladly furnished upon request.

We who are involved in this great array of Kingdom activity are here as the servants of God and North Carolina Baptists. We are not here to get, but to give. We desire not to be ministered unto, but to minister. We are at your service in the spirit of the sovereign Lord who said, "Even as the Son of Man came not to be ministered unto but to minister."

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301 Hillsboro Street  
Raleigh, North Carolina



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# IN MEMORY

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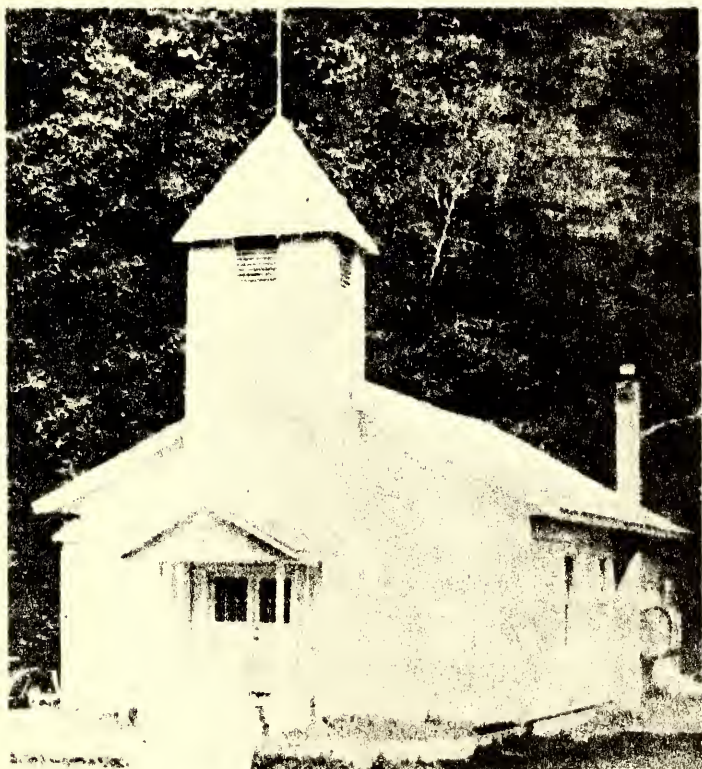


REV. E. A. ELLER





The 1961 Minutes are dedicated to Mr. E. C. Eller and Mr. Joe Johnson, who were present at the organization of the Ashe Baptist Association.



162 Buffalo Baptist Church

|                              |            |
|------------------------------|------------|
| Missionary Salary .....      | 3,200.00   |
| Travel Expenses .....        | 900.00     |
| Rent .....                   | 427.50     |
| Annuity.....                 | 400.08     |
| Convention Expenses .....    | 200.00     |
| Office Supplies & Postage .. | 203.71     |
| Balance In Treasury .....    | 5.64       |
| Total .....                  | \$5,336.93 |

**Rev. Coy Blackburn**

*A Former Pastor & Moderator  
Buried in Campbellsville KY 1976*

## In Memoriam

BALD MOUNTAIN: Glen Stikes  
 BEAVER CREEK: W. F. Goodman, Mrs. Mary Lou Faw  
 BLUE RIDGE: D. C. Miller  
 BIG FLATS: Roy Trivette, Eugene Eldreth  
 BETHEL: Mrs. Rena Phillips, Mrs. Rosa Johnston, Mrs. Ella Mae Vannoy  
 CLIFTON: Mrs. Carrie Bell Dougherty, Mrs. Marie Jones, Moses Gilley, L. C. Treadway, Ross Richardson  
 FRIENDLY GROVE: Mrs. Lizzie Swift Elliott, Kay Hardin, Grady S. Fletcher  
 FRIENDSHIP: Mrs. Lou Little, Mrs. Charity Kearley  
 FRANKLIN: Mrs. Ruth Hall  
 GLENDALE: Mrs. Mary Miller  
 HEALING SPRINGS: Mrs. Mertie Owen, Mrs. Gibbie Ann Shepherd, Jim Hudler  
 LANDMARK: Mrs. Tisha Jones, Walter Hurley  
 LIBERTY GROVE: A. C. Miller  
 LITTLE HELTON: Rev. E. A. Eller, Mrs. Lou Pennington  
 MIDWAY: Earl Ball, Quincy Dixon (Deacons)  
 MOUNTAIN VIEW: Mrs. Eddie Moore, Mrs. Ellen Wyatt  
 NEW RIVER: George F. Sawyers, Jim Sawyers, Miss Nannie Scott, Roscoe Brown, Mrs. Birdie Petty, John Caldwell  
 OBIDS: J. C. Miller  
 PEAK VALLEY: Mrs. Queen Elliott  
 PILOT MOUNTAIN: Mrs. Jennie Miller  
 PINE SWAMP: Mrs. Julia Hartzog  
 PHOENIX: W. T. Shumate, J. C. Baldwin  
 STURGILLS: Mrs. Hazel Wyatt  
 SMETHPORT: Mrs. Walter Taylor  
 TUCKERDALE: Mrs. Sinia Darnell, Marvin Johnson, Earl Miller  
 THREE FORK: Charlie Lewis  
 WARRENSVILLE: J. Ance Johnson, Ed Ashley  
 WEST JEFFERSON: Mrs. A. M. Jones

## SYNOPSIS OF REMARKS OF IRA T. JOHNSON ON HISTORY OF THE ASHE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

A knowledge of history is valuable (a) to keep in remembrance the work and services of those who blazed the trail in past years;

(b) to endeavor to avoid the mistakes of the past and (c) to gain inspiration from the progress and accomplishments which have been made through the years.

Former Associations to which Churches in Ashe County belonged are (a) Yadkin Association to 1799; (b) Mountain Association and Three Forks Association 1799 to 1853; (c) Senter Association 1799 to 1853; and (d) New River Association 1870 to 1886.

The Ashe and Alleghany Association was organized at Buffalo Baptist Church in 1886. In 1898, six or seven churches in Alleghany County withdrew and formed the Alleghany Association.

At one time and in the early days our people were known simply as "Baptists". Some of the things that have brought division and the modifying titles of different groups of Baptists were (a) a trained Ministry; (b) Missions; (c) Secret Societies and other organizations; (d) footwashing; (e) alien immersions; (f) Sunday Schools and Sunday School Literature; and (g) pastors salaries. The largest cleavage was brought about by the Civil War when those who sympathized with the North separated themselves from their brethren and became known as Union Baptists.

The leaders of the movement leading to the organization of more progressive Baptist Churches and finally to the organization of the Ashe and Alleghany Association as a Missionary Baptist organization were Reverend Aaron Johnson, Rev. Richard Gentry, Rev. Richard Jacks, Rev. Solomon Trivette, and two prominent laymen were James Eller and Captain W. H. Gentry.

Ministers and laymen active in the organization of the Ashe and Alleghany Association in 1886, among others, were Rev. T. M. Honeycutt, Rev. T. M. Duncan, Rev. J. F. Fletcher, Rev. William Hall, Rev. George W. Greene, Rev. Ira W. Thomas, James Eller, H. A. Eller and E. L. Tucker.

Among the active pastors who served and sacrificed in the early days of the Association were Rev. J. F. Fletcher, Rev. Solomon Blackburn, Rev. Elihu Tucker, Rev. Ezekiel Blevins, Rev. Franklin Barker, and Rev. P. H. Haire.

Leaders of a revival of interest and participants in an Evangelical movement during the period of 1912-1920 were Rev. W. R. Bradshaw, a visiting Evangelist from Kentucky, Revs. George M. Reeves, C. M. Cope and S. C. Blackburn.

The following Brethren have served as Moderators:

James Eller, Elihu Tucker, J. C. Goodman, S. C. Blackburn, W. E. Denny, and George West.

The following Brethren have served as Clerks:

J. L. Porter, H. A. Eller, J. E. Fletcher, M. M. Blevins, F. R. Jones, J. W. Duncan, J. C. Johnston, J. G. Welch, Bryan Oliver, W. A. Campbell, F. L. Barker, C. L. Blevins, J. C. Severt, McDaniel Harless.



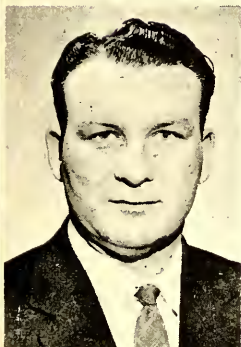
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Royal Ambassador  
Camp Committee

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12 Acre Lake on New RA  
Site Near Ashboro



Developing the Manpower  
of the Church



There were a number of sessions  
where no picture of the church  
was carried in the minutes.

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# REPORT OF THE ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONARY

(August 1, 1961 - August 1, 1962)

## TYPE OF WORK DONE IN THE CHURCHES:

Number

|                                                        |    |
|--------------------------------------------------------|----|
| Sermons preached -----                                 | 2  |
| Sunday School Classes Taught -----                     | 22 |
| Church Study Courses Taught -----                      | 1  |
| Vacation Bible Schools Conducted -----                 | 1  |
| Vacation Bible Schools Promoted -----                  | 1  |
| Devotionals (Radio, S. S., BTU, Prayer Meetings) ----- | 20 |
| Visual Aids Presented -----                            | 1  |
| Training Unions help Organize -----                    | 1  |
| Mission Studies Taught -----                           | 5  |
| Ordination of Deacons Services -----                   | 1  |

## ASSOCIATIONAL PROMOTIONAL EFFORTS:

Associational Officers' Training-Planning Mee  
 Church Finance Clinics, Jefferson And Wagone  
 S. S. Central Training School, W. Jefferson --  
 Evangelistic Clinic, West Jefferson -----  
 "M" Night Program, West Jefferson -----  
 Carol Sing, Midway -----  
 Hymn Sings, Friendship and Friendly Grove ---  
 Preachers' School, West Jefferson -----  
 Baptist Youth Night, Warrensville -----  
 Vacation Bible School Clinic, W. Jefferson --  
 Annual W. M. U. Meeting, W. Jefferson ----



## OTHER EFFORTS USED TO PROMOTE THE WC

Conferences: Individual 451  
 Group 21  
 Committee 32

Dave Harless

### Mail Sent Out:

Letters-1657 from Office plus 261 by Volunteer help total 1918  
 Cards- 520  
 Reports etc. - 169  
 Bulletins-2, 760  
 Calendar of Activities-190

Miles Traveled In Promotion of the Work: 17, 540

## WORK DONE ON MEETINGS ATTENDED OUTSIDE THE ASSOCIATION

No. Of Days

Schools of Missions-Mitchell Association -----



|                                                                 |   |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|---|
| Yadkin Association -----                                        | 6 |
| Revival Eaton's Baptist Church, South Yadkin Association -----  | 8 |
| Visitation Day, Children's Home, Thomasville -----              | 1 |
| State Vacation Bible School Clinic, Wingate College -----       | 3 |
| Brotherhood Convention, Charlotte -----                         | 1 |
| Hospital Representatives' Meeting, Winston Salem -----          | 1 |
| State Evangelistic Conference, Greensboro -----                 | 3 |
| Annuity Workshop, Wilksboro -----                               | 1 |
| Associational Leadership Conference, Winston Salem -----        | 2 |
| Christian Education Advance Program, Mars Hill College -----    | 1 |
| Regional BTU Meeting, Fairplains Church, N. Wilksboro -----     | 1 |
| Regional Brotherhood Convention, Elkin, First -----             | 1 |
| Associational Missionaries' Conference, Mars Hill College ----- | 5 |

Respectfully submitted,  
Audley B. Frazier, Missionary  
Ashe-Alleghany Associations

## In Memoriam

APPLE GROVE: Mrs. Cora Hart, M. J. Ettie Miller  
BIG FLATS: Mr. Grady Jordan, Mr. Clyde Trivette, Mr. Clyde Stykes  
BLUE RIDGE: Mr. Joe Spears  
BOSTON: Mr. Emmett Wallace, Mrs. Ellen Johnson, Mr. Wiley Mullis  
BUFFALO: Mrs. Ida Hodgson  
CHESTNUT HILL: Deacon Robert J. Gambill  
CLIFTON: Mr. Roy Jones, Mr. Calvin Pennington, Mr. Carl Eastridge  
FRIENDSHIP: Mr. Dorse P. Hartsoe, Mrs. Ennice Dixon  
GRASSY CREEK: Mr. Donald Denny  
HEALING SPRINGS: Deacon A. J. Blevins, Mrs. Cynthia Baker  
JEFFERSON: Mr. David Burkett  
LANDMARK: Mrs. Sarah Ann Blevins, Mr. Wiley T. Faw, Mr. Glenn Barker,  
Mrs. Pearl Barker  
LAUREL KNOB: Mrs. Lou Edwards, Mr. Albert Parsons  
LITTLE HELTON: Deacon Vincent McClure  
LONG BRANCH: Mrs. Mary A. Miller  
NEW RIVER: Mrs. Martha Brown  
PINEBIDS: Mrs. Ellen McNeill, Mr. Milligan Faw  
PINE FIELDS: Mrs. Mary Jane Blackburn, Mr. R. E. Phillips, Mrs. Hazel Hartzog  
PINE RION: Mr. Jesse Franklin Dillard (Church Clerk since 1911--last charter member)  
PINE HOENIX: Mrs. Beulah Eller, Mr. Richard Mullis, Mr. Roger King  
PLEASANT BRANCH: Mrs. Izora Kilby Shepherd, Miss Patsy Lou Reedy  
PLEASANT CHAPEL: Deacon Avery Elliott  
PLEASANT VALLEY: Mrs. Bertha Phipps, Mr. Worth Phipps, Mrs. Francis Pierce  
POCK CREEK: Mrs. Emma Osborne, Mrs. Effie Mahala  
THREE FORKS: Deacon Robert Allen, Mr. Lafayette Lewis  
VALLEY HOME: Mrs. Zora B. Church  
WAGONER: Deacon Charles Dishman  
WEST JEFFERSON: Mr. Carl F. Colvard

## REPORT ON PUBLIC MORALS

We are living in a day when public morals are at an all time low. We have only to read the newspapers, turn on the television, look at the billboards along the highways or listen to the conversation round about us to realize how far down the hill in decent Christian living our nation and the world has fallen. There was a time when alcoholic beverages was our major concern but times have changed until not only is liquor our arch enemy but narcotics, sex and self indulgence in vice and crime have taken leading rolls. The Apostle Paul said, "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." (Eph. 6: 12). He who professes to know God, but is not engaged in this conflict is deceiving his own heart. It's time we as christian

leaders realized that we are at war with satan's mightiest forces and that we have a job to do.

The christian life is not a vacation but a vocation. We have not been called to retirement but to conflict. We are not spectators but soldiers.

The christian life is a personal conflict. "We wrestle." We are not nursemaids but soldiers of the Cross. We cannot wear our uniform just on Sunday. We must come to grips with organized crime and wickedness daily if our young people of today rise above the moral laxity of this day.

Sad to say, but we are in another conflict, "flesh and blood." Denominations fight one another, churches are against one another and pastors against pastors. Is it any wonder that the world has lost faith in christianity? We are neglecting prayer and the power of the Holy Spirit and inducting into our evangelistic efforts a promotional program, entertainment, names and organizations. We blow a lot of trumpets but the walls of Jericho remain standing. Instead of feeding our people with God's word and giving them a better way of life we succeed only in tickling them to death with some of our shenanigans in the pulpit, while the morals of our people drop lower and lower with each report and spiritual wickedness reaches from the gutters of skid row to presidential suites and royal palaces.

As Soldiers of the cross we have failed God and the world through not applying our teachings and doctrines to our own personal life. As christian leaders we are under authority from God from whom we get all our orders. I believe those orders of the day are -- CHRISTIANS AWAKE -- PUT ON THE WHOLE ARMOR OF GOD. WE ARE STILL MORE THAN CONQUERORS THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rev. H. M. Winkler

THE LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS  
OFFERINGS HAVE BEEN CLOSE  
TO THE HEART'S OF ASHE COUNTY  
BAPTIST OVER THE YEARS.

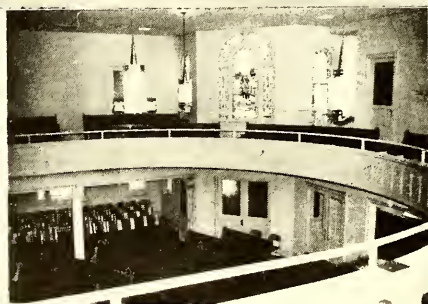


BAPTISING AT TUCKERDALE BAPTIST CHURCH  
RUBY HART & RUBY ELLER IN THE WATER.  
Rev's. M.D.Hart & Frank Tucker





LOTTIE MOON GRAVE



BALCONY VIEW OF LOTTIE MOON WINDOW

# CREWE BAPTIST CHURCH

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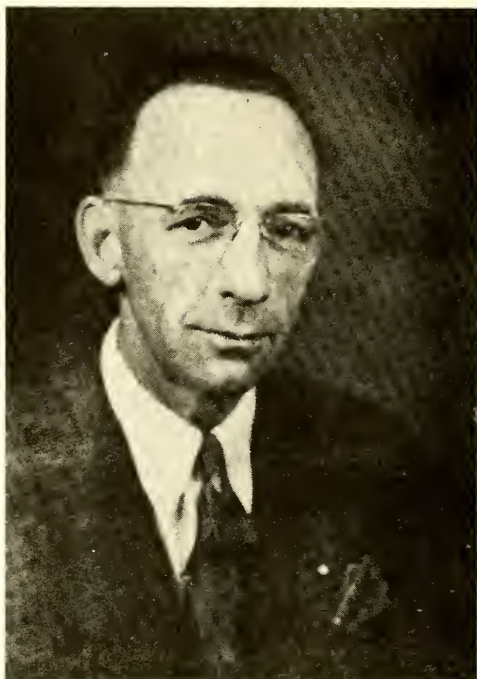
**ASHE**  
**BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**  
**North Carolina**  
**1886-1963**

HELD WITH  
PHOENIX BAPTIST CHURCH  
Lansing, N. C.  
August 15, 1963

PILOT MOUNTAIN BAPTIST CHURCH  
Todd, N. C.  
August 16, 1963

George West ----- Moderator  
Rev. R. C. Ashley ----- Vice-Moderator  
McDaniel Harless ----- Clerk and Treasurer

The Next Session Will Be Held With  
TUCKERDALE BAPTIST CHURCH  
August 20, 1964  
MISSION HOME BAPTIST CHURCH  
August 21, 1964



These minutes are dedicated  
to the memory of  
Donald A. Denny -  
Outstanding Layman &  
Member Of The  
Executive Committee



C. Pipes, field secretary of the Convention who works in the western part of the state, is shown above teaching a class.

# First Baptist Church West Jefferson, N.C.

DR. M. A. HUGGINS and Mrs. Huggins display the plaque presented to Dr. Huggins for his work on the history of North Carolina Baptists.



J. C. PIPES-M. D. HART  
AND CARROLL.



## SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT 1962 - 1963

The Sunday School organization of the Ashe Association has held quarterly planning meetings to enable officers, teachers and leaders to discuss and plan ways to build better Sunday Schools through and by better methods.

The supreme business of Christianity is to win the lost to Christ. This is what churches are for. It was Christ's one supreme mission according to his words. "For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost" (Luke 19:10). "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly" (John 10:10). Surely then the Sunday School must relate itself to the winning of the lost to Christ as an ultimate objective.

Not only is this winning of the lost to Christ an all important task, it is also a most attractive task. The soul winning preachers and teachers are always attractive and never lack for hearers; and just as the throngs pressed upon Jesus when he was here, so today will people attend upon the ministry of the soul-winning preacher and soul-winning teacher. Likewise, the soul-winning church will be a popular church and the soul-winning Sunday School will draw the multitudes into its membership.

The Sunday School is an outreaching agency; its business is to bring into its membership both those who are saved and those who are lost. Let us consider anew the commanding and pressing importance of soul-winning through the Sunday School.

I am grateful to those who have served with me in the Sunday School organization of Ashe county this Associational year. May we go out this new associational year as those who followed the Apostle Paul on one occasion, a band of people with God-touched hearts.

Respectfully submitted,  
W. E. Burchett

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION REPORT

This report is being written after the meeting of the association for incorporation into the minutes, therefore it has neither been approved nor disapproved. It is presented to you in the hope that it will be read and that it may help you to see your schools as the important instruments in the Kingdom of God they are.

Implicit in the very foundation of the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ is the



necessity of "knowing." Before the sinner is converted he must know himself to be lost and in need of salvation and that his hope is to be found in Jesus Christ. If the church is to be and do what Christ commissioned it to do it must know its message, something of how that message is to be applied in concrete life-situations and how Christ meets our deepest needs.

If our churches are to meet their responsibilities they must have leaders both in the pulpit and out of it who are able to think through the problems of life that confront us to solutions that honor Christ and extend His kingdom. Here is where our schools enter into the picture.

Some years ago our Baptist people sponsored and, to some degree at least, supported a system of education on both the high school and college levels. As the years have passed the state, through the public school system, has taken over the task of education on the high school level, and to a great extent on the college level as well. Our churches are left free, for the most part, to concentrate their efforts in their educational programs on the college and university levels. This, we feel, is a blessing with the limited resources our churches provide for this purpose.

In North Carolina we have seven colleges owned by our Baptist State Convention. Three of these schools, Chowan, Gardner-Webb, and Wingate, are two-year colleges and four, Campbell, Mars Hill, Meredith and Wake Forest, are full four-year colleges granting the basic academic degrees. Two of them, Campbell and Mars Hill, are just emerging as senior colleges, while Meredith and Wake Forest have enviable records of many years service behind them. Wake Forest also grants graduate (M.A.) and professional degrees in law and medicine.

All of these colleges are facing unprecedented challenges and opportunities. With the greater college population and emphasis on education they have more applications for admission than they can meet, and with the advent of the "community college" movement in North Carolina they face the challenge of excellence in education. They must be better schools than their competition or they cannot exist.

Our schools have many needs, some of which we are only dimly aware. Three are here emphasized that are inter-locked. First, our schools need financial support. They must provide adequate buildings and equipment for a sound instructional program and these things cannot be had without money with which to pay for them. Some of this money is provided by Baptists through the Co-operative Program, special Christian Education Day offerings, direct gifts to the school of the donor's choice, but much of it comes from non-Baptist friends and foundations, endowments, and from the alumni of the school. Second, our schools must have capable Christian faculties. A university has been defined as Mark Hopkins (the teacher) on one end of a log and the farmer boy (the student) on the other, and let it be emphasized that nothing can take the place of the teacher. However, in our stiffly competitive world the salary scale for our teachers must be considered. Before we criticize the teacher who takes a better paying salary we should ask just how much we have sacrificed for these schools. Third, our colleges need our prayerful and sympathetic concern. We are too prone to make quick judgments about issues, reports and conditions that come to our attention regarding our schools. We need to realize that the administrators, teachers, trustees and others who have responsibilities in the schools are closer to the problem than we are and that they are just as concerned about the cause of Christ and just as consecrated to Him as we are, and they deserve our prayers and support as co-laborers in Christ's Kingdom.

Perhaps a word is due in this report about the Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute. It is not a part of our Christian Higher Education System, but rather a part of our State Mission Program. It is not a college nor a seminary but a Bible institute whose

purpose and program is a ministry to preachers who have entered the ministry too late in life to take advantage of our college programs. It is doing an excellent work as we know from the Fruitland men in our midst.

Respectfully submitted,  
Report prepared under the  
direction of the Executive  
Committee

## In Memoriam

### APPLE GROVE

John Miller

### BALD MOUNTAIN

Mrs. Tom Holman

### BAPTIST HOME

Mr. Frank Lewis

Mr. W. J. Sturgill

### BEAVER CREEK

Mrs. Grace Goodman

James Patrick

### BETHEL

Mrs. Mae Trivette

### BIG FLATTS

Mr. Russel L. Toliver

### BLUE RIDGE

Mrs. Mary Hamby

### BRISTOL

Mrs. Venie Bullins

### CLIFTON

Mr. Charlie Gilly

### FRIENDLY GROVE

Mr. Edd Taylor

Mr. Gene Beshears

### FRIENDSHIP

Mrs. Effie Witherspoon

### HEALING SPRINGS

Mrs. M. C. Grace

### LANDMARK

Mr. Millard F. Denny

### MIDWAY

Mr. Joe Medley

### MISSION HOME

Mr. Sidney Grogan

### MOUNT OLIVE

Mr. Dean Phillips

### NEW RIVER

Mrs. Emma Jane Hanes

### OAK HILL

Mr. G. W. Blevins

### OLD FIELDS

Mrs. Virgie Baker

### PHOENIX

Mr. J. W. Barr

Mrs. J. W. Barr

Mr. Van Yates

Mrs. Lessie McNeil

### PLEASANT BRANCH

Mr. N. R. Reedy

Mrs. N. R. Reedy

### PLEASANT CHAPEL

Mrs. Mary Greer

### PLEASANT HOME

Mrs. Alice Thompson

### PLEASANT VALLEY

Mr. E. W. Phipps

Mr. Hoyt DeBoard

### SABBATH HOME

R. Carson Thompson

### SMETHPORT

Mrs. Mollie Ashley

### STURGILLS

Mrs. Amanda Spencer

### THREE FORKS

Mrs. Lura Lewis

### TUCKERDALE

Cynthia Andersons

### WELCOME HOME

Mr. Marshall Dixon

Mr. Eugene Shatley

### WARRENSVILLE

Mrs. Margaret Ashley

### WEST JEFFERSON

Mrs. Arthur Barker

Mrs. Della Oliver

Mr. Leonard Shepherd

Mr. Elisha Poe

SEVENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE

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BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

North Carolina

1886-1964

Held With

TUCKERDALE BAPTIST CHURCH

LANSING, N. C.

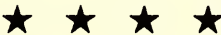
August 20, 1964

MISSION HOME BAPTIST CHURCH

FLEETWOOD, N. C.

August 21, 1964

|                         |                |
|-------------------------|----------------|
| George West .....       | Moderator      |
| Rev. R. C. Ashley ..... | Vice-Moderator |
| L. Barker, Jr. ....     | Clerk          |
| Guy T. Shatley .....    | Treasurer      |



The next session will be held with  
Sturgills Baptist Church  
August 12, 1965  
South Beaver Creek Baptist Church  
August 13, 1965

# In Memoriam

## BALD MOUNTAIN

Mrs. Thomas Holman

Mrs. Maggie Ham

## BAPTIST HOME

Mr. Joe Potter

## BEAVER CREEK

Mrs. Nora Darnell

## BETHEL

Mr. Joe E. Johnson

## BLUE RIDGE

Mrs. Mary P. Church

Mrs. Martha P. Walker

Mr. D. J. Church

Mrs. Dana Eller

## BRISTOL

Mrs. Martha Johnson

Mrs. Mattie Johnson

Mr. Columbus Combs

## BUFFALO

Mrs. Louise Trivette Potter

## CHESTNUT HILL

Mr. Glenn Sheets

## GLENDAL SPRINGS

Mrs. Mary Ellen Miller

## GREEN'S CHAPEL

Mrs. Lillian Cole

## HEALING SPRINGS

Deacon F. M. Jones

Deacon Carl Blevins

Mr. W. T. Little

Mrs. Lena Blevins

Mr. Ray Barker

Mr. A. L. Cox

Mr. Leff Gaultney

Mr. Hester Blevins

## JEFFERSON

Mrs. Almedia Ann Baker

Mrs. Reggie Eller

## LANDMARK

Mrs. Minnie Faw

Mrs. Lucindia Ham

Mrs. Lura Coe

Mrs. Gerlie Blevins

## LAUREL KNOB

Mrs. Mabel Wilcox

## LITTLE HELTON

Mr. Carroll Testerman

Mr. Frank Porter

## NEW RIVER

Mr. Lintie Joner

Miss Elsie West

Mrs. Opal Gover

## ORION

Mrs. Lena Bowers Bare

Mrs. Maude Yates

## PHOENIX

Mr. Lee McNeill

Mrs. Mary Mullis

Deacon E. C. Eller

Deacon Fred Waddell

## PILOT MOUNTAINS

Mr. A. T. Parker

## PLEASANT BRANCH

Mr. Claborn Kelly

## PLEASANT CHAPEL

Mrs. Ethel Campbell

## PLEASANT HOME

Mr. Claude L. Blevins

## PLEASANT VALLEY

Mrs. Florence Taylor

Mr. W. N. Ballou

## ROCK CREEK

Mrs. Oma Roark

## ROUND KNOB

Mrs. Mary Ann Miller

## SABBATH HOME

Mr. Glenn Hamm

## STURGILLS

Rev. R. L. Dolinger

Mrs. Ella Waddell

## THREE FORK

Mr. Edd Johnson

## TUCKERDALE

Mr. Elmer Stevens, Sr.

## VALLEY HOME

Mrs. Jennie Howell

Mrs. Ida Phillips

## WAGONER

Mrs. Pheba Coldiron

Deacon Dewey Jenkins

Deacon Albert Barker

## WEST JEFFERSON

Miss Ellen Myers

Mrs. John A. Weaver, Sr.

Mrs. Coy Woodie

Miss Ruth Watson

Mr. Fred Greene





*REV. R. L. DOLINGER*

## DEDICATION

These minutes are dedicated to the memory of

E. C. Eller

Joe Johnston

Rev. R. L. Dolinger



# DIRECTORY

## Associational Directory

|                                           |                                            |
|-------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Moderator .....                           | George West, Grassy Creek, N. C.           |
| Vice Moderator .....                      | Rev. R. C. Ashley, Warrensville, N. C.     |
| Clerk .....                               | F. L. Barker, Jr., West Jefferson, N. C.   |
| Treasurer .....                           | Guy T. Shatley, Jefferson, N. C.           |
| Superintendent of Missions .....          | Rev. Lynn M. Powers, West Jefferson, N. C. |
| Sunday School Superintendent .....        | Rev. R. R. Campbell, West Jefferson, N. C. |
| Training Union Director .....             | William F. Eller, West Jefferson, N. C.    |
| W.M.U. President .....                    | Mrs. C. E. Lindsey, Jefferson, N. C.       |
| Brotherhood President .....               | Guy T. Shatley, Jefferson, N. C.           |
| Chairman of Evangelism .....              | W. T. Brackett, West Jefferson, N. C.      |
| Moderator of Ministerial Conference ..... | R. C. Ashley, Warrensville, N. C.          |
| Director of Music Committee .....         | Mrs. Cecil Shoaf, Warrensville, N. C.      |

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

|              |                                                |
|--------------|------------------------------------------------|
| 3 year term: | Onley Burgess, Jefferson, N. C.                |
|              | Bobby Bare, Healing Springs, N. C.             |
|              | Eddie Duncan, Jefferson, N. C.                 |
| 2 year term: | Rev. G. C. Burkett, Chairman, Jefferson, N. C. |
|              | B. W. Miller, Lansing, N. C.                   |
|              | Rev. R. R. Campbell, West Jefferson, N. C.     |
| 1 year term: | Rev. J. H. Gentry, West Jefferson, N. C.       |
|              | Paul Hopkins, West Jefferson, N. C.            |
|              | Rev. Frank Tucker, West Jefferson, N. C.       |

## COMMITTEE ON NEW CHURCHES

|                                        |                                     |
|----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Rev. W. E. Denny, Crumpler, N. C.      | D. C. Severt, West Jefferson, N. C. |
| Rev. Frank Tucker, Warrensville, N. C. | James Vannoy                        |
| Rev. R. C. Ashley, Lansing, N. C.      | Walter Poe                          |

## PROGRAM COMMITTEE

|                                            |                                 |
|--------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Rev. R. R. Campbell, West Jefferson, N. C. | Richard Neaves, Crumpler, N. C. |
| John Goodman, West Jefferson, N. C.        | Roby Swift, Jefferson, N. C.    |
| Jack Miller, West Jefferson, N. C.         |                                 |

## FINANCE COMMITTEE

|                                             |                                   |
|---------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Guy T. Shatley, Treasurer, Jefferson, N. C. | B. F. Cook, West Jefferson, N. C. |
| Rex Blevins, Grassy Creek, N. C.            | Sanford Howell, Fleetwood, N. C.  |
| Lloyd Witherspoon, West Jefferson, N. C.    |                                   |

## PLACE AND PREACHER COMMITTEE

|                                        |                                          |
|----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| W. E. Denny, Chairman, Crumpler, N. C. | Frank Tucker, Warrensville, N. C.        |
| Reeves Jones, Crumpler, N. C.          | Lawrence Goodman, Alternate, Todd, N. C. |

## MISSIONS COMMITTEE

|                                        |                                     |
|----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| B. W. Miller, Chairman, Lansing, N. C. | Onley Burgess, Jefferson, N. C.     |
| R. R. Campbell, West Jefferson         | Eddie Duncan, West Jefferson, N. C. |
| Paul Hopkins, West Jefferson, N. C.    |                                     |

## REPORT OF ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONARY

### Type of Work Done In the Churches:

|                                         |    |
|-----------------------------------------|----|
| Sermons preached .....                  | 36 |
| Sunday School Classes Taught .....      | 16 |
| Church Study Courses Taught .....       | 7  |
| Visual Aids Presented .....             | 8  |
| Vacation Bible Schools Conducted .....  | 13 |
| Vacation Bible Schools Promoted .....   | 9  |
| Devotionals .....                       | 16 |
| Revivals .....                          | 1  |
| Ordinations Services .....              | 1  |
| Mission Studies .....                   | 2  |
| Baptist Training Unions Organized ..... | 1  |

### ASSOCIATIONAL PROMOTIONAL EFFORTS:

Meetings

|                                                                                                |                                   |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Forward Program of Church Finance Clinic, Friendship .....                                     | 2                                 |
| Ashe Music School, West Jefferson .....                                                        | 5                                 |
| Seminary Extension Classes .....                                                               | (Help promote taught two classes) |
| Associational W.M.U. Leadership Conference, Friendship .....                                   | 1                                 |
| Associational Hymn Sings .....                                                                 | 4                                 |
| Associational W.M.U. Mission Study Clinic .....                                                | 1                                 |
| Ashe "M" Night, West Jefferson .....                                                           | 1                                 |
| Preachers' School, West Jefferson .....                                                        | 5                                 |
| Laymen's School, West Jefferson .....                                                          | 4                                 |
| Vacation Bible School Clinic, West Jefferson .....                                             | 2                                 |
| Annual W. M. U. Meeting, Warrensville .....                                                    | 1                                 |
| Others Efforts Used to Promote the Work (Both Associations)                                    |                                   |
| Conferences: Individual 580, Group 22, Committee 38                                            |                                   |
| Mail sent out: Letters 778, Cards 343, Reports 49, Bulletins 2292, Calendar of Activities 200. |                                   |

Miles traveled in Promotion of the Work: 19,986.

Work Done or Meetings Attended Outside the Association:

No. of Days

|                                                               |   |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|---|
| Three Schools of Missions—South Yadkin .....                  | 6 |
| Three Forks .....                                             | 5 |
| West Chowan .....                                             | 6 |
| Associational BTU Officers Meetings, Winston-Salem .....      | 1 |
| Baptist State Convention, Greensboro .....                    | 3 |
| Associational Missionaries Conference, Greensboro .....       | 1 |
| Associational Missionaries' Workshop, Salisbury .....         | 3 |
| Homes for Aging Representatives' Meeting, Winston-Salem ..... | 1 |
| Brotherhood Officers' Meeting, Hickory .....                  | 1 |
| State Vacation Bible School, Fruitland .....                  | 3 |
| Region VII Training Union Convention, Taylorsville .....      | 1 |
| Region VII Brotherhood Meeting, Wilkesboro .....              | 1 |
| Southern Baptist Convention, Miami Beach, Fla. ....           | 4 |
| Associational Missionaries Conference, Southport .....        | 4 |

Respectfully submitted,  
Audley B. Frazier.

## REPORT ON BAPTIST HOSPITAL

I trust that this may be a challenge to every Ashe County Baptist to take a close look at the work being done by our Baptist Hospital at Winston-Salem.

1959 was a busy year with births 1,895.

Diagnostic X-ray films—111,680.

X-Ray examinations—38,257.

X-Ray therapy treatments—6,325.

Operations—7,267.

# PROGRAM

## ASHE MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

1961 Session

### BUFFALO BAPTIST CHURCH

August 17, 1961

#### Morning Session

- 9:00 Worship, Song, Scripture, Prayer ..... Rev. Frank Tucker  
 9:15 Organization and Business  
     1. Seating of Messengers  
     2. Adoption of Program  
     3. Reception of Visitors and New Pastors  
     4. Appointment of Committees  
 9:30 Business Session  
     1. Report of Executive Committee ..... Rev. G. C. Burkett  
     2. Report of Associational Missions ..... Audley B. Frazier  
     3. Report of Treasurer ..... McDaniel Harless  
     4. Report of Finance Committee ..... Rev. R. C. Ashley  
     5. Election of Officers for next session  
 10:30 Congregational Song  
 10:35 The Churches and the Ministry  
     1. Report of Ministerial Conference ..... Rev. John Goodman  
     2. Report on Pastors' Salaries and Ministerial Retirement—  
         Rev. W. T. Whittington  
 10:50 Service Commemorating 75th Anniversary of Ashe Association—  
         Ira T. Johnson, Rev. M. D. Hart, A. D. Goodman  
 11:20 Music  
 11:30 Associational Sermon ..... Rev. G. L. Denny  
         Alternate: Rev. Frank Tucker  
 12:00 Recess for Lunch

#### Afternoon Session

- 1:15 Worship in Song and Prayer  
 1:25 Report of Committee on Constitution  
 2:00 The Churches and Benevolent Services  
     1. Report on Children's Homes ..... Rev. Lee Waddell  
     2. Report on Hospital ..... Rev. J. Herman Gentry  
     3. Report on Baptist Homes for Aging ..... Mrs. F. L. Waddell  
 2:45 Our Churches at Work  
     1. Sunday School Report ..... Rev. Arnold Bell  
     2. Training Union Report ..... D. C. Severt  
     3. W. M. U. Report ..... Mrs. Ralph Parsons  
     4. Brotherhood Report ..... Guy T. Shatley  
     5. Music Committee Report ..... Mrs. Cecil Shoaf  
 3:30 Miscellaneous Business  
 Adjourn

### WAGONER BAPTIST CHURCH

August 18, 1961

#### Morning Session

- 9:00 Worship, Song, Scripture, Prayer ..... Rev. A. E. Sells  
 9:15 Miscellaneous Business  
     1. Report of Nominating Committees  
         (1) Election of Officers for all Organizations  
         (2) Election of Executive Committee  
     2. Report of Committee on Place and Preacher



MUSIC COMMITTEE REPORT

Our Associational Hymn sings of the fourth Sunday of the first month of each quarter were held this year at the Warrensville, Old Fields, Wagoner, and Bald Mountain Baptist churches.

Much enthusiasm is shown by those who attend. They find the meetings to be both inspirational and instructional.

Our greatest need is for larger participation.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mrs. Cecil Shoaf,

NEWS TO ASHE BAPTIST CHURCHES

What? The Ashe Baptist Association meeting at the Pleasant Home Baptist Church, August 14, 1959, voted to authorize the Executive Committee to build or buy a house for the Associational Missionary. (This house would be owned by the Ashe Baptist Association and occupied by whoever is employed by the Association as our missionary).

Why? The Association has seen the need to provide a house for our missionary and for the past four years has done this by renting a house. We are spending approximately \$600.00 a year for rent. It seems wise to build a house and save the money we are paying for rent. We can also provide a more adequate and suitable house by building a house. (We recommend this house be a brick veneer, be at least three bedrooms and have an Associational Office in the house).

How? I. The Executive Committee of the Ashe Association proposes the following plans for securing the estimated amount of \$5,500 to buy the materials for the house:

1. Each church is requested to give on the average of \$2.00 per resident member. This may be given as follows. (1) One fourth to one half be given as soon as possible. (2) The remaining amount to be given a part each year for three years.

2. As soon as the house is occupied the money in the budget allocated for rent to be applied on the remaining indebtedness on the house.

II. The Executive Committee further proposes that we use as much free labor as possible to build the house.

We desire the cooperation in this endeavor of every church, pastor and individual member.

Sincerely,  
G. C. Burkett, Chm.  
A. P. Howell, Sec.,  
Your Executive Committee.

Therefore the Executive Committee selected the following persons to act as a building committee for the association and also to serve as Trustees of the association:

D. C. Severt, Chairman, Rev. G. C. Burkett, Sec. of Associational Building Fund, Lloyd Witherspoon, Sanford Howell, Paul Hopkins.

As of August 18, 1960 this committee reports the following activities. Four lots have been bought between Jefferson and West Jefferson on Midway Heights for \$1120.00. One-fourth of this amount was paid down and the balance is to be paid in one, two, and three years. The grading for the foundation has been done, batter boards have been set ready to dig out for the footers. Four hundred and fifty blocks to go in the foundation are now on the lots. Also we have a little more than \$300.00 on hand to begin the building.

This committee would appreciate any contributions from the churches or from individuals.

Respectfully submitted,  
D. C. Severt, Chairman.

# Baptist Sunday School News

## North Carolina

SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Herman Ihley, Secretary



ASSOCIATES

rs. Myra S. Motley  
iss Hilda Mayo

Richard D. Smith  
Paul Kesterson



OCTOBER 1965

W. PERRY CROUCH, General Secretary-Treasurer

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### E. C. WATSON, NEW ASSOCIATE



E. C. Watson, Jr., missionary in the Cabarrus Association, will join the Sunday School Department on October 15 as an associate in charge of Teacher Training and Standards. He will succeed Richard Smith who became secretary of the Church Planning and Building Department on July 15.

Mr. Watson has served Region 6 as Sunday school superintendent for the past three years. During this time he has provided challenging leadership to the associations in the region.

E. C., as he is known all over the state, will be responsible for leadership training programs to be used in the local churches.

SEVENTY-NINTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE

**ASHE**

**BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**

**North Carolina**

**1886-1965**

Held with

STURGILLS BAPTIST CHURCH

Lansing, N. C.

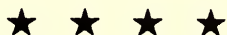
August 12, 1965

SOUTH BEAVER CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH

West Jefferson, N. C.

August 13, 1965

|                |       |                |
|----------------|-------|----------------|
| George West    | ----- | Moderator      |
| W. R.C. Ashley | ----- | Vice-Moderator |
| L. Barker, Jr. | ----- | Clerk          |
| W. T. Sharley  | ----- | Treasurer      |



The next session will be held with

GLENDAL SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH

August 11, 1966

FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH

August 12, 1966

## GROUP LEADERS

|                |                                            |
|----------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Group I.....   | Mrs. Glen McCoy, Creston, N. C.            |
| Group II.....  | Frank Roten, Lansing, N. C.                |
| Group III..... | Mrs. Bill Eggers, Grassy Creek, N. C.      |
| Group IV.....  | Mrs. Leonard Hudler, West Jefferson, N. C. |
| Group V.....   | Sanford Howell, Fleetwood, N. C.           |
| Group VI.....  | Grover Marsh, Jefferson, N. C.             |

## OFFICERS FOR THE ASHE SUNDAY SCHOOL ORGANIZATION 1961-62

|                                                  |                                          |
|--------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| Superintendent.....                              | Rev. Arnold Bell, Deep Gap, N. C.        |
| Superintendent of Training.....                  | Rev. John Goodman, West Jefferson, N. C. |
| Superintendent of Evangelism and Enlargement.... | Rev. G. C. Burkett, Jefferson, N. C.     |
| Secretary and Treasurer.....                     | Mrs. F. L. Waddell, Lansing, N. C.       |
| Vacation Bible School Superintendent.....        | Miss Mary Jordan, Todd, N. C.            |
| Chorister.....                                   | Grover Campbell, West Jefferson, N. C.   |
| Pianist.....                                     | Miss Nancy Dillard, Jefferson, N. C.     |

## DEPARTMENT SUPERINTENDENTS

|                   |                                            |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Extension.....    | Mrs. W. T. Brackett, West Jefferson, N. C. |
| Cradle Roll.....  | Mrs. Ronald Halsey, Grassy Creek, N. C.    |
| Nursery.....      | Mrs. Don Blackburn, Jefferson, N. C.       |
| Beginner.....     | Mrs. Nettie McNeill, West Jefferson, N. C. |
| Primary.....      | Mrs. Grover Shatley, Jefferson, N. C.      |
| Junior.....       | Mrs. A. E. Sells, Jefferson, N. C.         |
| Intermediate..... | Mrs. Louise Hoosier, Jefferson, N. C.      |
| Young People..... | Paul Taylor, West Jefferson, N. C.         |
| Adult.....        | Marvin Osborne, West Jefferson, N. C.      |

## GROUP SUPERINTENDENTS

|                |                                          |
|----------------|------------------------------------------|
| Group I.....   | Johnie Roten, Grayson, N. C.             |
| Group II.....  | James Eller, Lansing, N. C.              |
| Group III..... | Mrs. Doris Woodruff, Grassy Creek, N. C. |
| Group IV.....  | Roby Swift, West Jefferson, N. C.        |
| Group V.....   | Burl Hartzog, Fleetwood, N. C.           |
| Group VI.....  | Grover Shatley, Jefferson, N. C.         |

## BROTHERHOOD OFFICERS

|                                  |                                                                                                                                 |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| President.....                   | Guy T. Shatley, Jefferson                                                                                                       |
| Advisory Council.....            | Rev. R. R. Campbell, West Jefferson, N. C.<br>Rev. G. C. Burkett, Jefferson, N. C.<br>Rev. Wm. P. Shiflett, Warrensville, N. C. |
| Vice-President.....              | Marvin Osborne, West Jefferson, N. C.                                                                                           |
| Secretary.....                   | Jack Miller, West Jefferson, N. C.                                                                                              |
| Royal Ambassador Leader.....     | Bill Hardin, West Jefferson, N. C.                                                                                              |
| Christian Witness Leader.....    | Clark Church, Fleetwood, N. C.                                                                                                  |
| Personal Stewardship Leader..... | S. B. Howell, Fleetwood, N. C.                                                                                                  |
| World Missions Leader.....       | A. D. Goodman, West Jefferson                                                                                                   |





Rev's T.A. Farmer, E.Z. Blevins,  
Eli Graham, W.F. Barker, W.F.  
Sturgill, Seated, Jess Shoemate,  
M.D. Hart, W.E. Denny

## MINISTERS LICENSED THIS YEAR

J.E. Owens, Todd, North Carolina

## MINISTERS ORDAINED

Howard J. Pugh, Crumpler, N.C.

Elijah Greer, Creston, N.C.

# In Memoriam

### BALD MT.

Mr. W.C. Hardin

### BEAVER CREEK

Mrs. Josie Patrick

### BIG FLATS

Mr. James C. Parsons

### BLUE RIDGE

Mr. W.M. Berrge

Mrs. Lora M. Church

Miss Belvia Calloway

### BRISTOL

Mrs. Bessie Proctor

Deacon Gene Lambert

### CALVARY

Mr. Carl Privett

### CLIFTON

Deacon Claude Riley

Deacon Joe Little

Deacon James Jones

FAIRVIEW

Mr. Arthur Ellis

FRIENDLY GROVE

Mrs. Dorenda Harless

Mrs. Mae Wyatt

GLENDAL

Mr. Otto Harless

GRASSY CREEK

Mr. Roscoe Plummer

GREEN'S CHAPEL

Mrs. Maudie Campbell

JEFFERSON

Mrs. Ray Blevins

Mr. George Phillips

LAUREL HILL

Mr. Reggie Richardson

LAUREL KNOB

Mr. Thomas Goodman

Mrs. Longa Grubb

LIBERTY GROVE

Mrs. Nannie Greer

Mrs. Dora Miller Mullis

LITTLE HELTON

Mrs. Genetia Blevins

MIDWAY BAPTIST

Mrs. Juilia Phillips

Deacon Goss Price

MISSION HOME

Mr. I.J. Cole

Mr. John Goodman

NORTH BEAVER

Mr. Fields A. Harless

OAK HILL

Mr. Everett Barker

OBIDS

Mrs. Verda Farrington

OLD FIELD

Mr. A.H. Church

ORION

Katie Bare Bowers

PHOENIX

Mrs. Eula Barker

PLEASANT CHAPEL

Mrs. Rosa Shepherd

Mr. Coy Eldreth

PLEASANT HOME

Mr. McKinley Blevins

ROCK CREEK

Mr. K.E. Orborne

SMITHPORT

Mr. R.L. Hodges

STURGILLS

Mrs. Minnie Dolinger

WARRENSVILLE

Mrs. Esllil May

WEST JEFFERSON

Mr. O.Q. Badger

Mrs. Elizabeth Campbell

Mrs. Betty James

Mrs. F.C. Nye

## REPORT OF ASHE MISSIONARY BAPTIST PASTOR'S CONFERENCE 1964-65

The genuine description of a minister is to be found in Acts 4:4; "But we will give ourselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the word."

Some of the programs have been very interesting and enjoyed by these who attend. They have been mostly open discussion of the Associational work.

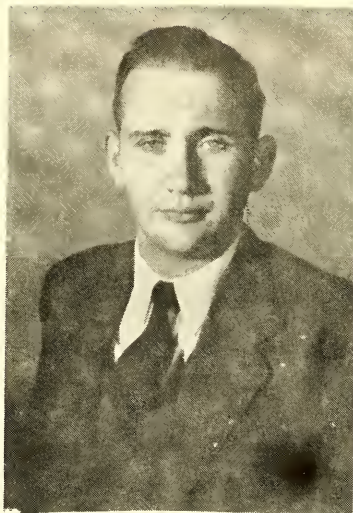
The future success of our Association depends largely on the cooperation of the Pastors of the churches.

Respectfully submitted,  
Larry E. Lefler, Secretary

## REPORT OF THE ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONARY to the Ashe Baptist Association

The Associational Missionary's report of personal activities is as follows:  
August 16, 1964-August 10, 1965

|                                               |        |
|-----------------------------------------------|--------|
| Pastor's conferences -----                    | 9      |
| Committee Meetings -----                      | 20     |
| Group Meetings -----                          | 24     |
| Individual Conferences -----                  | 147    |
| Associational Meetings -----                  | 25     |
| Regional, State, & S.B.C. & W.A. -----        | 19     |
| Churches Visited -----                        | 31     |
| Sermons and addresses -----                   | 49     |
| Institutional Services -----                  | 6      |
| Baptisms -----                                | 1      |
| Conversions -----                             | 1      |
| Ordination Services -----                     | 1      |
| New Organizations -----                       | 2      |
| Bible Schools -----                           | 5      |
| Study Courses -----                           | 4      |
| Sunday School Teaching -----                  | 3      |
| Audio Visual Aids -----                       | 13     |
| Surveying Buildings and Property -----        | 5      |
| Timeograph Programs, Bulletins, Reports ----- | 3,500  |
| Miles Traveled -----                          | 22,425 |



*Rev. Ralph Graham*

Rev. Lynn Powers -Missionary



Mr. & Mrs. Lester Cox Family, Tuckerdale, N.C.



Dr. M. D. Hart

Rev. Frank Tucker

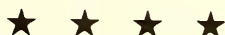


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August 11, 1966

**FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Jefferson, N.C.  
August 12, 1966

George West ..... Moderator  
Rev. R.C. Ashley ..... Vice-Moderator  
F.L. Barker, Jr. .... Clerk  
Guy T. Shatley ..... Treasurer



The next session will be held at  
Jefferson Elementary School Auditorium  
Jefferson, North Carolina  
August 10 and 11, 1967

## REPORT ON TIME, PLACE AND PREACHER

We recommend that the Ashe Baptist Association meet at the Jefferson Elementary School Thursday, August 10 and Friday, August 11, 1967. The preacher for the first day will be Rev. Rexford R. Campbell; and Rev. David Brown the preacher for the second day. The time will be 11:30 A.M. each day for the message.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rev. W. E. Denny  
Rev. Lawrence Goodman  
Rev. Frank Tucker

### MINISTERS LICENSED

Ross Harless

### MINISTERS ORDAINED

Joseph E. Owens, Todd, N.C.

## In Memoriam

#### BETHEL

Mrs. Annie Lyalls

#### BLUE RIDGE

Mrs. Dona Parsons

#### BRISTOL

Edward Mullis

Mrs. Callie Hoosier

Mrs. Rosa Parsons

Mrs. Clyde Calloway Harris

#### CHESTNUT HILL

Mrs. Nora Bell Hudler McMillan

#### CLIFTON

Mr. William C. Richardson

Mrs. Mary Ann Miller

#### FRIENDSHIP

Mrs. Minnie Witherspoon

Mr. Lester Coldiron

#### GRASSY CREEK

Mrs. Sibbie Blevins

Mrs. Millard Byrd

Mr. Peyton Hale

#### HEALING SPRINGS

Mrs. Cousby Barker

Mrs. Ida Osborne

Mrs. Cora Phipps

#### LANDMARK

Deacon Avery Barker

Mr. John Jones

#### LIBERTY GROVE

Deacon Charlie Howell

Mrs. Ina Taylor, Asst. Clerk

#### LITTLE HELTON

Mr. C. O. Jones

Mrs. Jeanette Blevins

#### MIDWAY

Mr. Will Medley

Mrs. Ada Davis

#### MISSION HOME

Mr. John Goodman

#### MT. OLIVE

Mrs. Eliza Ann Surber

MT. VIEW

Mr. John Eldreth

NEW RIVER

Mrs. Rebina West

Mr. Bruce Smith

NORTH BEAVER

Mr. Richard C. Johnson

OLD FIELDS

Mrs. Turner Hartzog

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Deacon E. F. Phillips

ORION

Deacon W. H. Miller

Mr. J. C. Severt

Mr. Claud Bowers

Mrs. Molly Lambert

PINE SWAMP

Deacon J. E. Walker

PHOENIX

Mrs. Ida Childress

PLEASANT HOME

Mr. Lester Phipps

PLEASANT VALLEY

Mrs. Ruth Senter

STURGILL

Mr. J. T. Sturgill

THREE FORK

Mrs. Tina Allen

WELCOME HOME

Mrs. Kathleen Testament

Mr. Coy Goodman

Mr. Walter Huffman

WEST JEFFERSON

Dr. C. R. Eller

Mrs. L. M. Faw

Mrs. Jesse Morgan

Mrs. P. G. Right

ROCK CREEK BAPTIST  
CHURCH VBS 1940



The amount of our gifts is very small compared with the number of people involved, and the world's need.

Respectfully submitted,  
John T. Goodman

## REPORT ON AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY

If the people of the world are to know Christ, the hope of man and nations, they must have the Bible. It is the one primary source of knowledge of Him.

In 1816 the churches established the American Bible Society and charged it with the task of translating, publishing and distributing the Bible without note or comment and without purpose of profit.

With today's increase in population and the number of unlearned people in the world, the duty of spreading the Word of God has a greater need of the Scriptures in the language of the people.

If the pressing world's need for more translation and distribution of the Bible are to be met, the churches must increase their share of the support of the American Bible Society.

Let us prayerfully consider this in our next years work.

*This is the last report that  
Professor Duncan did prior  
to his death.*

Respectfully submitted,  
G. C. Burkett

## PUBLIC MORALS

Public morals in our nation today are at a distinctly low ebb. Never in our time has there been such flagrant irreverence and disrespect for decent and honorable living. This disrespect and irreverence is seen in our homes, our towns, our streets, and in our churches.

There is something going on in the high school, college, and university campuses that causes a majority of students to draw away from older, established simplistic religious forms.

Perhaps the most significant item on all campuses is an expression and expectation of doubt in every faith. The more sensitive student today wants to know how to live a healthy life on earth rather than prepare for one after death.

Sex has permeated literature, T.V., the movies, and even conversation with a range of sordidness, and perversion that is appalling. Our protest against the low level of movies and literature probably would be more effective if the ten million Southern Baptist could be persuaded to boycott them.

Never have our churches been so challenged to stop the wave of low morals in our land.

*As he has made many  
across the years.*

Respectfully submitted,  
Bower H. Duncan

## REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON PLACE AND PREACHERS FOR THE ASHE ASSOCIATION

On May 7, 1966 at the Jefferson Baptist Church, the following committee met to discuss the matter of a meeting place, or places, of the Ashe Association: Rev. W.E. Denny, Chairman, F. L. Barker, Jr., Secretary, Rev. R.C. Ashley, Rev. Roe Paisley, Rev. Bill Ballou, Mr. George West, Mr. D.C. Severt, and Mr. Ira T.



EIGHTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION OF THE

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JEFFERSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

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August 10-11, 1967

|                  |       |                |
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| George West      | ..... | Moderator      |
| Rev. R.C. Ashley | ..... | Vice-Moderator |
| F.L. Barker, Jr. | ..... | Clerk          |
| Guy T. Shatley   | ..... | Treasurer      |



The next session will be held at  
Jefferson Baptist Church  
Jefferson, North Carolina  
August 15 and 16, 1968

# Directory

|                                  |                                        |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| Moderator .....                  | George West, Grassy Creek, N.C.        |
| Vice Moderator .....             | R.C. Ashley, Warrensville, N.C.        |
| Clerk .....                      | F.L. Barker, Jr., West Jefferson, N.C. |
| Treasurer .....                  | Guy T. Shatley, West Jefferson, N.C.   |
| Superintendent of Missions ..... | Lynn M. Powers, West Jefferson, N.C.   |

## EXECUTIVE BOARD

|                 |                |
|-----------------|----------------|
| R.C. Ashley     | Dewey Brown    |
| Frank Tucker    | Joe Brown      |
| Carol Burkett   | John Halsey    |
| Floyd Johnson   | June Blackburn |
| Raymond Elliott |                |

## EX OFFICIO OFFICERS

|                  |             |
|------------------|-------------|
| F.L. Barker, Jr. | George West |
|------------------|-------------|

Associational Council (Heads of associational organizations)

|                                        |                        |
|----------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Sunday School Superintendent .....     | Raymond Brown          |
| Training Union Director .....          | E.W. Powers            |
| Music Director .....                   | Mrs. Wayne Keller      |
| Brotherhood President .....            | Guy T. Shatley         |
| W.M.U. President .....                 | Mrs. Richard Blackburn |
| Evangelism Chairman .....              | Raymond Brown          |
| Moderator of Pastor's Conference ..... | Raymond Brown          |

## ASSOCIATIONAL ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEES

| Finance Committee | Missions Committee |
|-------------------|--------------------|
| Guy T. Shatley    | Paul Hopkins       |
| Rex Blevins       | J. Herman Gentry   |
| Gerald Denny      | Floyd Johnson      |
| G.C. Burkett      | Paul Phipps        |
| Bill Burchett     | Bill Ballou        |
|                   | Lee Waddell        |

## SPECIAL ANNUAL COMMITTEES

Resolutions Committee (Appointed by moderator annually)

|                   |                           |
|-------------------|---------------------------|
| Richard Blackburn | Kermit Lawrence           |
| Gerald Denny      | Alternate - Thelma Fender |

## TIME, PLACE, & PREACHER COMMITTEE

|                |              |
|----------------|--------------|
| Paul Phipps    | Frank Tucker |
| Lawrence Denny | Mary Jordan  |

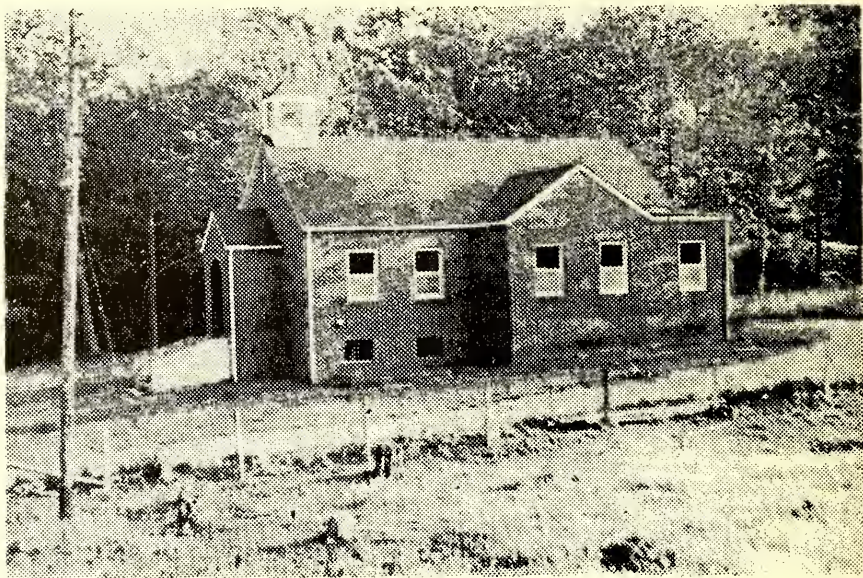


**LAUREL KNOB CHURCH**, where the opening meeting of the seventy-third annual session of the Ashe Missionary Baptist Association was held.



**REV. G. C. BURKETT**, pastor of Laurel Knob Baptist Church, where a part of the seventy-fourth annual session of the Ashe Missionary Baptist Association was held.





**BALD MOUNTAIN BAPTIST CHURCH**, where the closing meeting of the seventy-fourth annual session of the Ashe Missionary Baptist Association was held.



**REV. R. C. ASHLEY**, pastor of Bald Mountain Baptist Church, where a part of the seventy-fourth annual session of the Ashe Missionary Baptist Association was held.



should have. We believe the purpose of the Pastor's Conference is to bring better understanding between pastors and between churches. This cannot be accomplished unless the pastors of the various churches take an active part in these meetings.

"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!" May this scripture be spoken with truth and reality about the pastors in the year approaching.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lawrence Goodman, Moderator

## MISSIONARY REPORT

This year I have included in my report the personal activities of my work with Ashe and Alleghany Associations, so that the work of the Missionary can better be understood.

The report of my personal activities are:

|                                     |        |
|-------------------------------------|--------|
| Sermon's Préached                   | 78     |
| Individual Conferences              | 171    |
| Group Conferences                   | 7      |
| Committee Conferences               | 52     |
| Revivals                            | 2      |
| Music School!                       | 1      |
| Sunday School Lessons               | 2      |
| Church Officers Training            | 10     |
| Audio Visual Aids                   | 7      |
| Church Services Directed            | 19     |
| Ordination Services                 | 2      |
| Baptismal Service                   | 1      |
| Vacation Bible Schools              | 13     |
| Church Property and Building Survey | 5      |
| Study Courses                       | 8      |
| Associational Meetings              | 30     |
| State Meetings                      | 10     |
| Southern Baptist Convention         | 1      |
| Church Community Survey             | 1      |
| Pastor's School                     | 1      |
| School of Missions                  | 1      |
| Institutional and Mission Services  | 12     |
| Conversions                         | 9      |
| New Church Members                  | 10     |
| Miles Traveled                      | 25,390 |



Respectfully submitted,  
Lynn Powers

## OUR BAPTIST MEDICAL CENTER THE NEW DAY IN MEDICINE

In this day of rapid change in almost every area of our lives, there are few places in which change has been more rapid than in the field of medicine. In the last twenty-five years we have witnessed in medical care a transformation as dramatic as in almost any other area of life.

This period parallels the period of development of our Baptist Medical Center in Winston-Salem. This began in 1941, when our Baptist Hospital and our Baptist

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| George West .....           | Moderator       |
| Rev. Rexford Campbell ..... | Vice-Moderator  |
| F.L. Barker, Jr. ....       | Clerk-Treasurer |

The next session will be held at  
Landmark Baptist Church Lansing, N. C. August 14, 1969  
Friendly Grove Baptist Church West Jefferson, N. C. August 15, 1969

# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REPORT - 1968

The Ashe Association has held 48-Vacation Bible Schools, and 49-Churches were represented in the schools.

Two-Churches: Pine Swamp and Blue Ridge held a joint school.

Therefore, The Vacation Bible School Work, for Ashe Association is:

|                                                                                         |            |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| Number Churches represented in Schools .....                                            | 49         |
| Number Individual Schools .....                                                         | 48         |
| Enrollment for schools .....                                                            | 2,394      |
| Average Attendance for schools .....                                                    | 1,858      |
| Average percentage in attendance .....                                                  | 78%        |
| <b>Gifts to Missions and Local Objects:</b>                                             |            |
| To: Cooperative Program (41 churches) .....                                             | \$706.37   |
| To: Baptist Children's Homes of N.C. (2 churches) .....                                 | 21.75      |
| To: Foreign Missions (1 church) .....                                                   | 19.00      |
| To: Local Pastor (1 church) .....                                                       | 18.00      |
| To: Home Missions (1 church) .....                                                      | 100.44     |
| Total Gifts to Missions (by 46 churches) .....                                          | 865.56     |
| Total Cost 48-Schools (49 churches) .....                                               | \$1,574.97 |
| Number Unsaved Pupils (35 churches reported) .....                                      | 274        |
| Number Pupils not in any S.S. (42 churches reported) .....                              | 128        |
| Number Parents not in S.S. (40 churches reported) .....                                 | 342        |
| Number Professions of Faith (38 churches reported) .....                                | 9          |
| Number Dedications (40 churches reported) .....                                         | 22         |
| Number College Students on Faculties (48 churches) .....                                | 19         |
| Number 10-day schools (4-3 hrs. and 1-2 hrs.) .....                                     | 6          |
| Number 5-day schools, 6-day and 7-day .....                                             | 90         |
| Total number days spent in 48 schools .....                                             | 273        |
| Total number hours spent in 48 schools .....                                            | 648        |
| Number Schools holding Preparation Day .....                                            | 20         |
| Number Schools held Commencement Program .....                                          | 37         |
| Number Schools having Parade .....                                                      | 2          |
| <b>The Vacation Bible School Grades:</b>                                                |            |
| Number Schools - Standard .....                                                         | 1          |
| Number Schools - Grade A .....                                                          | 1          |
| Number Schools - Grade BB .....                                                         | 3          |
| Number Schools - Grade B .....                                                          | 2          |
| Number Schools - Grade CC .....                                                         | 2          |
| Number Schools - Grade C .....                                                          | 1          |
| Number Schools - Grade D .....                                                          | 10         |
| Number Schools - Grade EE .....                                                         | 2          |
| Number Schools - Grade E .....                                                          | 26         |
| Total Schools (49 churches) .....                                                       | 48         |
| Number Adult Departments, held in Connection with V.B.S. (studies in St. Luke) .....    | 19         |
| Enrollment (Adult Departments) .....                                                    | 350        |
| Average Attendance (Adult Departments) .....                                            | 279        |
| Average percentage in attendance (19 Depts.) .....                                      | 80%        |
| Number Young People's Depts. held in Connection with V.B.S. (studies in St. Luke) ..... | 4          |
| Enrollment (young people) .....                                                         | 41         |
| Average Attendance (young people) .....                                                 | 33         |

Rev. Guy Cain promotes the Protection Program in North Carolina. He is jointly employed by the Annuity Board and North Carolina Baptist Convention. For information about any of the plans in the Protection Program contact Rev. Guy Cain, 301 Hillsboro Street, Raleigh, North Carolina 27603, or write the Annuity Board, SBC, 511 North Akard Building, Dallas, Texas 75201.

Respectfully submitted,  
Floyd Johnson

## MINISTERS ORDAINED

Rev. Jimmy D. Brooks

## MINISTERS LICENSED

Rev. Jimmy D. Brooks

Rev. Jimmy Caparolie

Rev. John Surber

# In Memoriam

### BALD MOUNTAIN

Mrs. Annie Campbell

### BEAVER CREEK

Mr. Glen Hart

### BIG FLATTS

Mrs. Belle P. Helton

### BIG LAUREL

Mrs. Mattie Rupard

### BLUE RIDGE

Mrs. Sally Spears

Mrs. Jane Taylor

Mrs. Zura Phillips

Mrs. Leak Greer

### BRISTOL BAPTIST CHURCH

Mr. Jake W. Day (Deacon)

Mrs. Ida Roland

Mr. Wilton Eugene Roland

Mr. Will Mullis

### CHESTNUT HILL

Mr. Charlie Bumgarner

Mrs. Pearl Sault

### CLIFTON

Mrs. Ada Elliott Richardson

Mr. Charlie Ashley

### FRIENDSHIP

Mrs. Hettie Walters

Mrs. Alice Bare

### GLENDALE SPRINGS

Mr. Robert Miller

### GRASSY CREEK

Mr. Joseph Spencer

Mrs. Mary Graybeal

### HEALING SPRINGS

Mr. C. L. Blevins (Deacon)

### JEFFERSON FIRST

Mrs. Lelia Burkett

### LAUREL HILL

Mr. Ahart Pasley

### LITTLE HELTON

Mrs. Cora Howell

Mrs. Dorie Eller



**MISSION HOME**

Mrs. Laura Kimberlin  
Mr. Avery Faw

**MOUNTAIN VIEW**

Mr. B. H. Carpenter

**NEW RIVER**

Rev. Roe Pasley  
Mr. W. W. Richardson

**NORTH BEAVER**

Mrs. Lela Faw Burgess  
Mr. Henry H. Eller

**OAK HILL**

Mr. Herman Barker  
Rev. Roe Pasley (Pastor)

**OLD FIELDS**

Mr. J. E. Cheek (Deacon)  
Mr. Oscar Griffin (Deacon)  
Mr. Alvin Church

**ORION**

Mr. George Lambert

**PHOENIX**

Rev. R. C. Ashley (Pastor)  
Mr. Connie McNeill (Deacon)  
Mr. Moses Joines  
Mr. Glenn King

**PINE SWAMP**

Mrs. Sallie B. Hartzog

**PLEASANT BRANCH**

Mr. W. E. Rudy  
Mr. Keith Reedy  
Mr. J. V. Ready  
Mr. Blair Young

**PLEASANT HOME**

Mrs. Alma Phipps

**TUCKERDALE**

Mr. Dave Brooks  
Mr. Wade Darnell (Deacon)  
Mr. Lester Eller

**VALLEY HOME**

Mrs. Belle Jones  
Mr. Frank Phillips  
Mr. Earl Toliver

**WELCOME HOME**

Mrs. Lucy Dixon

**WEST JEFFERSON FIRST**

Mrs. J. C. Gambill, Sr.  
Mrs. Alice Turnmire

**Dr. I. G. Greer, 86,  
Children Homes' S.**



*Dr. I. G. Greer*

**Dr. Greer, a frequent visitor  
to Ashe for Baptist Childrens  
home's**



## Dedication

The Ashe Baptist Association is proud to dedicate the 1968 minutes to the memory of two of its outstanding pastors and friends, Rev. R.C. Ashley and Rev. Paul Woodrow Paisley.



Mars Hill College, Mars Hill, N.C.



Rev. R.C. Ashley  
February 8, 1909 - March 19, 1968



Rev. Paul Woodrow Paisley  
1914-1968



# Associational Directory

## ASSOCIATIONAL OFFICERS 1968-69

Moderator ..... George West, Grassy Creek, N.C.  
 Vice Moderator ..... Rexford Campbell, Warrensville, N.C.  
 Clerk & Treasurer ..... F.L. Barker, Jr., West Jefferson, N.C.  
 Superintendent ..... Bill Ballou, West Jefferson, N.C.

### EXECUTIVE BOARD

#### 3 Year Term

Ronald Halsey  
 Claude Neaves  
 William Scott

#### 2 Year Term

Rev. Bill Burchette  
 Rev. Carol Burkette  
 Rev. Frank Tucker

#### 1 Year Term

Charles Brinegar  
 Raymond Elliott  
 Floyd Johnson

### EX OFFICIO OFFICERS

F.L. Barker, Jr.

George West

### ASSOCIATIONAL COUNCIL (Heads of associational organizations)

Sunday School Superintendent ..... Joe Caparolie  
 Training Union Director ..... Rev. E.W. Powers  
 Music Director ..... Mrs. Delmer Childers  
 Brotherhood President ..... Guy T. Shatley  
 W.M.U. President ..... Mrs. Richard Blackburn  
 Evangelism Chairman ..... Rev. Raymond Brown  
 Moderator of Pastor's Conference ..... Rev. Lawrence Goodman

### ASSOCIATIONAL ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEES



*First Baptist Church W. Jefferson*

*Rev. R. R. Campbell Pastor  
 For 24 Years*

## CHRISTIAN HIGHER EDUCATION

The Baptist State Convention of North Carolina supports a unique program of Christian higher education. There are three senior colleges: Campbell, Buie's Creek; Mars Hill, Mars Hill; and Meredith, Raleigh; Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem; and three junior colleges: Chowan, Murfreesboro; Gardner-Webb, Boiling Springs; and Wingate, Wingate.

The Baptist colleges in North Carolina and elsewhere in the Southern Baptist Convention continue to train the vast majority of the church vocational workers. Currently, there is the same concern in our college that is being expressed throughout our Convention about the decline in the number of young people answering the call to full-time Christian service. The Christian colleges, through the Council, are currently seeking ways and means of cooperating more fully with local churches in an effort to reverse this trend.

However, the Christian college is not solely in the business of training full-time Christian workers, for the vast majority of students attending a Baptist college will return to their communities as laymen. Sometimes we tend to overlook the vital contribution of lay-leadership trained in our Christian colleges. These men and women return to their communities not only to assume responsibilities in the local church, but to bear a Christian witness through their professions in the communities where they work.

A dream of many years was realized by Wake Forest College and the Baptist State Convention, when on June 12, 1967, Wake Forest College became Wake Forest University. Wake Forest University, in addition to law and medicine, is now offering the master's degree and doctor's degree in several areas. Baptist undergraduate colleges throughout the Convention are rejoicing the prospect of being able to turn to Wake Forest University for much needed teachers with graduate degrees.

The colleges are grateful for the unusual response this year in orders for Christian Education Day materials. It was necessary to have a second printing of some 30,000 pieces of material in order to fill all of the requests. In 1967, the Christian Education Day offering was \$150,000, and we are in hopes that there will be an increase this year. The materials this year were built around the need for challenging more young people, both in the churches and on the college campuses, to consider a church vocation.

Respectfully submitted,  
F.L. Barker, Jr.

## TRAINING UNION REPORT

I am glad to report that more churches in the Ashe Baptist Association are becoming interested in organizing a Training Union. We now have twelve active Training Unions in the association. Mount Olive Baptist Church and The Phoenix Baptist Church have organized since the association, and the Three Forks Baptist Church will be organized soon. These reports will come in for the next association. As director of Training Union for the association, we will be glad to come to your church and give you an illustrated demonstration of what Training Union is and how it works. Filmstrips are available for every phase of the union. In the Training Union you will "study to show yourself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

# SUPERINTENDENT OF MISSIONS REPORT

Report covers period from January 1, 1968 to July 31, 1968

|                                    |                                   |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Sermon's Preached                  | 48                                |
| Individual Conferences             | 67                                |
| Group Conferences                  | 17                                |
| Committee Conferences              | 27                                |
| Revivals                           | 4                                 |
| Sunday School Lessons              | 4                                 |
| Audio Visual Aids                  | 2                                 |
| Church Services Directed           | 9                                 |
| Ordination Services                | 2                                 |
| Baptismal Services                 | 2                                 |
| Vacation Bible Schools             | 7                                 |
| Study Courses                      | 4                                 |
| Associational Meetings             | 11                                |
| State Meetings                     | 3                                 |
| Institutional and Mission Services | 6                                 |
| Conversions                        | 16                                |
| New Church Members                 | <b>Lynn.Powers -Missionary</b> 19 |
| Miles Traveled                     | 11,523                            |

## BAPTIST HOSPITAL REPORT

This is proving to be a full, exciting and difficult year at your Baptist Hospital. Any year is a full one when more than thirty thousand sick people are given medical service and Christian ministry, and more than 165,000 visits are made to the clinics of the hospital. In addition to this, more than 700 persons are receiving training in various fields of medical care and Christian service, and a vast amount of medical research is being done in the causes and treatments of the diseases which afflict us and our loved ones. The work which goes on at our Medical Center is big and important business, touching the lives of a large part of the population of our state.

Serving people in this way is an exciting work. It is more so now as one watches the progress of the Development Program which is greatly to increase the capacity of the Medical Center to train and to serve. The new power plant, which will house the Engineering Department, including maintenance shops, central electrical controls, emergency generator, plumbing, heating and air conditioning for the entire center, is scheduled to go into operation in October. The paramedical school building, which will provide the best in teaching facilities for the nine schools of the hospital, is due to be ready by next April. It will make it possible to double the capacity of these schools and to add new ones. The Medical School addition is to be ready by September, 1969, and will allow that school to enlarge by 35%.

Contracts are due to be let in October for the new patient building, which is to be completed in 1971. It will be a large structure with seventeen stories from the first basement, connecting with the present west wing and extending over the parking area to the rear. This building and the remodeling of the oldest part of the present plant will provide more than 200 new patient beds and greatly enlarged space and facilities for the business office and other offices and for examinations and treatment of patients.

The cost of this large Development Program is being provided by interested individuals, corporations, foundations and government agencies, which recognize the valuable service our Medical Center is rendering and the urgent need for greatly en-





FRIENDLY GROVE VES 1948





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### HARLESS FAMILY

Standing- David - Ballard- Wiley- Byrum -  
Susan Eller a sister  
Cissro Harless seated

All were outstanding Christian leaders in  
the church which they belong too.

Served as deacons, Sunday School Supt.,  
Sunday school teachers, singers, Mrs. Susan  
Eller was a leader in WMU work of her church.

This is not all the members of the family  
this group were together at this time.

Theme: "CHRIST IN FAITH AND WORK"

# *Ashe Baptist Association*

## **EIGHTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION**

Meeting With

**LANDMARK BAPTIST CHURCH**

**August 14, 1969**

**FRIENDLY GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH**

**August 15, 1969**

## **Eighty-Fourth Annual Session**

Meeting With

**LITTLE HELTON CHURCH**

**August 13, 1970**

**WARRENSVILLE CHURCH**

**August 14, 1970**

# ASHE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

## WORDS OF APPRECIATION

We are happy and thankful that your interest in your association has brought you here today. We are involved in the greatest business on earth, that of leading men, women, boys and girls to faith in Christ. Let us not let them down.

We appreciate the willingness of Landmark and Friendly Grove Churches in entertaining the Associational Meeting this year. We realize that it isn't easy and we do appreciate their kindness. We would also like to thank the Youth Choirs from Warrensville and Jefferson for singing for us as well as their directors, Mrs. Peggy Ashley and Miss Nancy Dickson.

## FRIENDLY GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Friday, August 15, 1969

### MORNING SESSION

- 9:30 Worship: Hymn, Scripture, Prayer ..... Rev. Lawrence Goodman  
(Pastor, Friendly Grove Church)
- 9:45 Recognition of Visitors and Announcements
- 9:50 The Association at Work in The Churches
1. Sunday School ..... Joe Caparolie
2. Vacation Bible School ..... Miss Mary Jordan
3. Training Union ..... Rev. E. W. Powers  
(Pastor, Old Fields and Friendship Churches)
4. Woman's Missionary Union ..... Mrs. Richard Blackburn
5. Brotherhood ..... Guy T. Shatley
6. Church Music ..... Mrs. Delmer Childers
- 10:45 Hymn: Jefferson Youth Choir ..... Director, Miss Nancy Dickson
- 10:50 Report on Cooperative Program ..... Rev. Paul Phipps  
(Pastor, Glendale Springs Church)
- 11:00 Sermon ..... Rev. Harold White  
(Representative, Baptist State Convention of N. C.)
- 11:30 Report on Temperance and Public Morals ..... Rev. Bill Burchette  
(Pastor, Midway Church)
- Miscellaneous Business:
- 11:45 Sermon ..... Rev. Carl Witherspoon  
(Pastor, Phoenix Church)
- Alternate ..... Rev. Frank Tucker
- 12:15 Adjourn For Lunch

Friday, August 15, 1969

### AFTERNOON SESSION

- 1:30 Worship: Hymn, Scripture, Prayer ..... Rev. Jimmy Caparolie
- 1:45 The Churches at Work in Social Services
- Report on Baptist Hospital ..... Rev. G. C. Burkette
- Address: Dr. W. K. McGee ..... Baptist Hospital
- 2:10 Report on Children's Homes ..... Rev. Jack Pugh
- Dr. W. R. Wagoner ..... Baptist Children's Homes
- 2:35 Report on Homes For The Aging ..... Mrs. F. L. Waddell
- Rev. Bill Poole, Superintendent, Winston Salem, N. C.
- 2:55 Hymn ..... Jefferson First Baptist Youth Choir



*REV. GRADY A. HAMBY*

*Organizer and first pastor of the Friendly Grove Baptist Church. West Jefferson N. C.*

*Friendly Grove Baptist Church can ever be grateful along with other Baptist churches for his ministry among them.*

*He had the misfortune of being struck by a passing car. and was killed as he was crossing the road to his mail box.*

*His pastoral ministry in Ashe County and elsewhere will live long over the years to come.*

*M. D. Hart*





Archie Hardin



FRIENDLY GROVE



GARLIN L. HART BEING BAPTISED

THE  
*Vacation Bible School*

**ADOPTED BUDGET 1969-1970**

**I. EDUCATION AND PROMOTION:**

|                                                  |          |
|--------------------------------------------------|----------|
| 1. Sunday School .....                           | \$ 30.00 |
| 2. Training Union .....                          | 30.00    |
| 3. Brotherhood .....                             | 30.00    |
| 4. Music .....                                   | 15.00    |
| 5. Stewardship Promotion .....                   | 15.00    |
| 6. Bible School .....                            | 50.00    |
| 7. V.B.S. Directors Supplement .....             | 250.00   |
| 8. Pastor's Conference (Preacher's School) ..... | 100.00   |
| 9. Audio Visual .....                            | 15.00    |

**II. ASSOCIATIONAL OFFICE:**

|                                     |        |
|-------------------------------------|--------|
| 1. Office Equipment .....           | 85.00  |
| 2. Printing and Office Supply ..... | 125.00 |
| 3. Postage .....                    | 125.00 |
| 4. Minutes .....                    | 600.00 |
| 5. Upkeep and Cleaning .....        | 30.00  |

**III. SALARIES AND ALLOWANCES:**

|                                      |          |
|--------------------------------------|----------|
| 1. Missionary .....                  | 5,200.00 |
| 2. Retirement .....                  | 400.00   |
| 3. Hospitalization .....             | 330.00   |
| 4. Life Insurance .....              | 40.08    |
| 5. Car Allowance .....               | 1,200.00 |
| 6. Clerk-Treasurer .....             | 100.00   |
| 7. Conventions and Conferences ..... | 300.00   |

**IV. BUILDING AND EQUIPMENT:**

|                                       |          |
|---------------------------------------|----------|
| 1. Missionary Home .....              | 1,200.00 |
| 2. Utilities .....                    | 500.00   |
| 3. Insurance On Missionary Home ..... | 77.00    |
| 4. Building Repair .....              | 100.00   |

**V. MISCELLANEOUS:**

|                           |        |
|---------------------------|--------|
| 1. Mission Projects ..... | 85.00  |
| 2. Miscellaneous .....    | 200.00 |

**TOTAL** ..... \$11,232.00

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

**August 15, 1968 to July 31, 1969**

| INCOME SOURCE       | ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS | SPECIAL GIFTS |
|---------------------|------------------------|---------------|
| Apple Grove .....   | \$ 38.50               | \$ 9.00       |
| Bald Mountain ..... | 110.00                 | 93.00         |
| Baptist Home .....  |                        |               |
| Beaver Creek* ..... |                        |               |
| Bethel .....        |                        |               |
| Big Flats .....     | 24.00                  | 60.00         |

\*Beaver Creek Pledge of \$24.00 came in after books were closed and will be counted in next year's report.

## REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Whereas, the churches of the Ashe Missionary Baptist Association met for the eighty-third annual session August 14, 1969 at the Landmark Baptist Church and August 15, 1969 at the Friendly Grove Baptist Church. Be it resolved that we give thanks to, Landmark and Friendly Grove Baptist Churches who made the buildings and facilities available to the officers, speakers, committees, the members who have worked faithfully during the past year, to the ladies of these churches for the delicious meals prepared, and all others who have helped make the associational meeting a success.

Be it resolved that we express our deep appreciation to Rev. Bill Ballou for his dedication and faithful service to our association as Associational Missionary. Be it further resolved that we give thanks most of all to our Lord and Saviour for all the blessings that we have received during the past year. May we enter into the new year more dedicated to the advancement of the Kingdom work here on earth.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joe Brown  
Rev. Frank Tucker  
Rev. Lee Waddell

### IN MEMORIAM

BALD MOUNTAIN—Mr. Dee Walton  
BETHEL—Mrs. C. Walter Phillips  
BRISTOL—Mrs. Rosie Waddell, Mrs. Lotise Hooser  
BUFFALO—Mr. Dillard Lewis  
CHESTNUT HILL—Mr. Lester Sheets  
CLIFTON—Mr. William Grant Richardson, Mr. John George Gilley  
FRIENDSHIP—Mrs. Callie Little, Mrs. Bertha Koontz  
GRASSY CREEK—Mrs. Ida Graybeal, Mrs. Ruby Chandler,  
Mrs. Mollie Denny  
HEALING SPRINGS—Mrs. Attie Hudler, Mr. Joe Blevins  
LANDMARK—Mr. Darrel Ham, Mrs. Dora Jones  
LAUREL HILL—Mrs. Elva Sage  
LIBERTY GROVE—Mrs. Earl Taylor, Mrs. Anna Day  
MIDWAY—Mr. Ron Phillips  
MOUNT OLIVE—Mr. Fred Perry  
NORTH BEAVER—Mrs. Mary Julia Hurley  
NEW RIVER—Mr. Robert Hudler  
OBIDS—Mr. Thomas Gene Dillard  
PILOT MOUNTAIN—Mr. Spencer Phillips  
PINE MOUNTAIN—Mrs. Myrtle Potter, Miss Hattie Lewis  
PLEASANT CHAPEL—Mrs. Mary Elliott, Mr. Lillard Elliott  
PLEASANT HOME—Mrs. Tena Deboard  
ROCK CREEK—Mr. Avery Pope  
SABBATH HOME—Mrs. Ella Goss, Mr. Wade Jones, Mr. Reeves Gilley  
STURGILLS—Mr. Richard Duvall, S.S. Supt.; Mrs. Mary Sturgill  
VALLEY HOME—Mrs. Anna Mae Flannery  
WARRENSVILLE—Mrs. Emma Turnmire  
WELCOME HOME—Mr. James Gordon Witherspoon, Mrs. Cosby Shatley,  
Mrs. Rhoda Goodman, Mr. H. T. Goodman

## REPORT OF ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONARY

Report Covers Period From August 1, 1968 To July 31, 1969

|                                          |        |
|------------------------------------------|--------|
| Sermons Preached .....                   | 71     |
| Individual Conferences .....             | 134    |
| Group Conferences .....                  | 52     |
| Committee Conferences .....              | 38     |
| Revivals .....                           | 8      |
| Sunday School Lessons .....              | 12     |
| Audio Visual Aids .....                  | 12     |
| Church Services Directed .....           | 11     |
| Ordination Services .....                | 5      |
| Baptismal Services .....                 | 3      |
| Vacation Bible Schools .....             | 7      |
| Study Courses .....                      | 3      |
| Associational Meetings .....             | 48     |
| State Meetings .....                     | 7      |
| Institutional and Mission Services ..... | 8      |
| Conversions .....                        | 16     |
| New Church Members .....                 | 12     |
| Newsletters Prepared and Mailed .....    | 3,150  |
| Miles Traveled .....                     | 16,087 |



Associational Missions Are Missions, Too. It is a service to the churches, which comes as we seek to be "laborers together with God" to glorify Christ and to spread the wonderful message of redemption, and Christian growth which will demonstrate that care finds a way in reaching all people in Ashe Association and unto the uttermost parts of the earth. Let us never forget that if we are to have a strong world missions program, we must have a strong base. We seek and need your continued support to Associational Missions.

May I take this opportunity to say thank you for everyone who has shared in any way in the Associational work. A special thank you is due our pastors with whom I have worked closely and enjoyed a fine relationship. To the various organizations and their leaders for their faithfulness in working during the year, and to all the churches in Associational effort, we say, for whatever has been accomplished, "To God be the glory."

Respectfully submitted,  
Wm. C. (Bill) Ballou

## CHRISTIAN LITERATURE

In this day of emphasis on the need to reach people, it is important to recognize every resource possible. Good Christian literature can be invaluable in assisting a Christian in his responsibility of growing in knowledge. Christian literature becomes somewhat of a personal aid.

As we use Christian literature we must keep in mind that the literature is an aid which we use to learn Bible truths. The Scripture is our one authority. The Scripture is the unifying factor that heals differences of opinion. As long as we remember this, the Christian literature we use



to supplement Bible study will remain a tool rather than a crutch.

All men are individuals with individual understanding and opinion; therefore, various interpretations are put forth. All of us can profit by listening to what others have to say about Biblical truths. We need to be well grounded in our own understanding of the Scripture so we will not be led astray by opinions.

Our Sunday School teachers and leaders form a great army of amateurs who have the most important teaching job on earth. They are not professionals. They have not made extensive studies of the Bible. They are not master of organized steps in how people learn. They do not have large libraries containing Bible-study books, books on Baptist history and missions, Bible dictionaries, and commentaries. The most important thing is that they are dedicated Christians. The least that a church would want to do is to provide quarterlies and other aids for them to use in this giant task.

The Sunday School Superintendent needs the "Sunday School Builder." The Training Union Director will expand his approach if he uses the "Training Union Magazine." "Home Life," a Christian magazine for the family, can perhaps help to strengthen family ties.

Baptist organizations such as Woman's Missionary Society and Brotherhood function more smoothly and are better organized when they use literature prepared for them.

With serious moral issues facing us on every hand, Baptists need an accurate and comprehensive source of information. Secular papers cannot meet this need. These papers cover so many things — sports, society, business, entertainment, national and foreign affairs. All too often religion is found only on a Saturday church page — if at all.

Perhaps the simplest and most economical way to get needed information into the homes of Baptists is through the "Biblical Recorder." Under the Church Budget Plan, this can be done for only a few cents a week.

May we let Christian literature, prepared by our denominational leaders, along with prayer and dedication, act as a compass to point the direction for our Bible study.



**Aerial View  
of the  
Baptist Hospital  
Including  
New Addition**

# Christian Higher Education

**BEN C. FISHER, Secretary**



**Ben C. Fisher**

Growing out of a background of numerous Convention Committees and Commissions dealing with matters relating to our Baptist Colleges, the Council on Christian Education was created in 1944; and, with only minor changes in organization and duties, has functioned as a coordinating Division of Higher Education for North Carolina Baptists ever since.

The membership of the Council consists of the President, the Dean, and chairman of Board of Trustees of each of the seven colleges, the General Secretary-Treasurer of the Convention, the president of the Convention, the president of the General Board, the president of the W. M. U., and twelve members of the General Board constituting the Education Committee of the Board.

Since July 1, 1946, the Council has operated through an office with an Executive Secretary and an office secretary, now located in the Baptist Building at 301 Hillsboro Street, Raleigh, North Carolina.

The Council functions "for the correlation of the work and programs in the several educational institutions supported by the Convention." In addition to these general purposes, it is the duty of the Council to recommend the distribution of all Convention funds among the seven colleges and prepare and present the annual budget requests covering the needs of the colleges. Likewise, it promotes "plans for increasing the interest in and the support of these institutions."

**Typical Meeting  
of the  
Council**



# Campbell College

LESLIE H. CAMPBELL, President



Leslie H. Campbell

Campbell College was founded in 1887 by James Archibald Campbell as Buie's Creek Academy. During the past decade the institution has experienced phenomenal growth from 397 students to more than 1600 students enrolled in the fall of 1962. During the same period plant facilities have expanded by some \$5,500,000.

The intervening years have produced great changes, such as the transition from a small local school in a rural community to a great southern academy; its transfer to denominational ownership by North Carolina Baptists in 1925; its advancement from academy to junior college in 1926; and more recently its growth into one of the state's larger church related, co-educational colleges.

Despite these structural and functional changes the college maintains its steadfast conviction that only Christian education offers preparation for complete living. The same purpose, to keep educational opportunity financially available to all capable, worthy young people, guides the

institution as it faces the future.

Beginning with the academic session 1962-63 the college began providing a full senior college course of study.



NEW SCIENCE BUILDING



# Chowan College

BRUCE E. WHITAKER, President

Chowan, the second oldest (1848) of North Carolina's seven Baptist colleges, is a fully-accredited, co-educational, two-year institution. It is dedicated to the training of Christian leaders — both lay and professional — who will serve well their churches, their communities, their denomination and the world.

Chowan's location, in the historic town of Murfreesboro, is ideal; it is the only college, private or state-supported, in the entire northeastern section of the state.

Traditionally a small college, Chowan has had a phenomenal growth over the past decade. Well over 700 students are enrolled each year. Forty-three dedicated and experienced men and women comprise the faculty. Nearly a dozen new buildings have been erected in recent years.

Chowan offers two years of work in the liberal arts-sciences field, and in most of the pre-professional fields. Terminal offerings include business (secretarial, accounting, business administration), civil technology, and graphic arts (printing). The school is experiencing splendid growth and development. Its goal is to provide quality education for all deserving youth.



Bruce E. Whitaker



224 NEW DORMITORY FOR GIRLS



# Gardner-Webb College

EUGENE E. POSTON, President

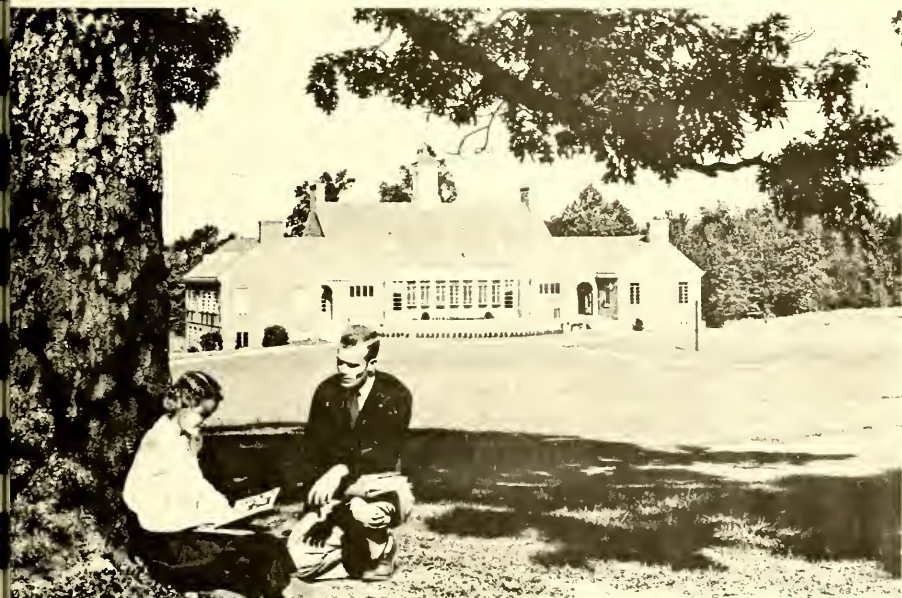
Gardner-Webb College, located at Boiling Springs in Cleveland County, was founded in 1905 as a Baptist high school. In 1928, it was converted to a two-year college. It was admitted into the family of Baptist Colleges of North Carolina and received accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools in 1948.

The college is supported and operated by the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina as a Christian college whose purpose is to develop quality Christian students who think for themselves, and who will dedicate themselves to the Christian way of life in the vocation of their choice. Its entire program is conceived as an adventure in quality values. Thus selection is employed both in the admission of students and in the choice of faculty and administration.

The academic program has been broadened from one wholly liberal arts to include professional preparatory courses that are transferable. The idea of service is kept in the forefront. Social events and cultural activities enhance the development of a student body of some 50 which is co-educational.



Eugene E. Poston



GARDNER MEMORIAL STUDENT CENTER

# Meredith College

**CARLYLE CAMPBELL, President**

Meredith College, a senior liberal-arts college for women, has operated in the city of Raleigh as an agency of the State Baptist Convention since 1899. Located originally in the heart of the city, it moved to its present site, on a campus of 170 acres, in January, 1926.

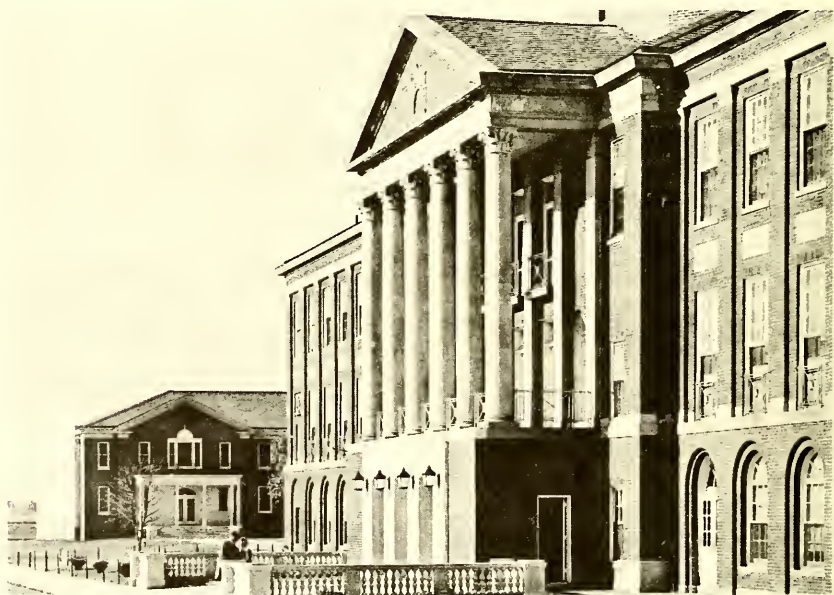
Throughout its history the college has taken seriously its responsibility to the denomination as an institution with challenging academic standards, functioning as a community of Christian learners. It has fifteen departments of instruction, and offers the A.B. and B. Mus. degrees.

Current financial assets of the college are listed at \$5,264,042.00. It has a capacity enrollment of 730 resident students, with approximately 100 other students living in or near the city. The 1961-62 student body registered from six foreign countries, seventeen states, and eighty North Carolina counties.

The college is now engaged in an expansion program, with a financial goal of \$5,600,000, to provide additional endowment and facilities for a student body of 1,000.



**Carlyle Campbell**



**Johnson and Joyner Halls**

# Mars Hill College

HOYT BLACKWELL, President



Hoyt Blackwell

Nestled in the mountains 19 miles north of Asheville, Mars Hill College is located in one of the loveliest regions of the eastern United States. Nearby are such scenic attractions as Mt. Mitchell, Craggy Gardens, Chimney Rock, and Linville Falls.

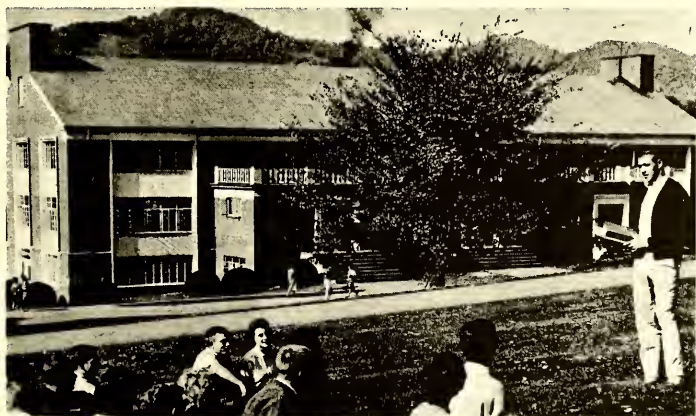
It is the oldest educational institution in Western North Carolina on its original site, and it was the first school founded by Baptists west of the Blue Ridge Mountains. Established in 1856 as the French Broad Baptist Institute, it was chartered in 1859 as Mars Hill College.

The founders were pioneer citizens who wanted a school in which they could educate their children according to their faith. This aim is reaffirmed in the current college catalog: "Mars Hill College seeks to prepare young men and women for victorious personal living, for successful attainment in further study, for sympathetic and responsive social relationships, according to the

al imperatives of Christ."

Mars Hill is largely a residence college with more than 90 per cent of its 1,500 students living on the campus under the cultural and spiritual leadership of the college. Sixty-one well-trained Christian men and women comprise the faculty, and nearly 100 other staff members contribute to a positively Christian climate on the campus.

Currently in the process of conversion from junior to senior college status, Mars Hill is offering the junior year's curricula for the first time during the 1962-63 session. About 175 juniors are enrolled.



Beautiful mountains, an invigorating climate, picturesque rock walls, and rolling hills covered with big trees and plenty of lovely bluegrass give Mars Hill College one of the most impressive campuses to be found in the state. To see a small gathering of students, utilizing the well-kept turf for seats, is a strange sight.



# Wingate College

**BUDD E. SMITH, President**



**Budd E. Smith**

In 1896, a dedicated group of Christian men with vision opened Wingate School in rural community of Union County. This was a school to meet the needs of young people from the first grade through high school. Quality and Christian emphasis were foundation stones and have continued to be foundation stones.

Wingate became a junior college in 1923, and since that time has attempted to meet the needs of young people through the efforts of a consecrated and well-trained faculty.

The student body of Wingate, a co-educational institution, has grown rapidly in recent years from 192 students in 1954 to a present enrolment of 1012. The faculty continues to emphasize quality in their own preparation and in that of the students.

Since 1956, the physical plant of Wingate has added seventeen new buildings and has completely reworked all of the old buildings on the campus. The growth of Wingate has been possible because of the generosity of Charles A. Cannon, who has been willing to match dollars given by others. He firmly believes in the value of good junior colleges such as Wingate. It is true that the lifeblood of Wingate is the Cooperative Program of North Carolina Baptists. Without this support, operation would be impossible.

The basic purpose in the thinking of the administration and faculty of Wingate is that young people shall be better prepared spiritually, mentally, socially and physically to live lives of service. Wingate will continue to offer quality education in a Christian environment to deserving young people.



**BUDD E. SMITH SCIENCE BUILDING**



# Wake Forest College

HAROLD W. TRIBBLE, President

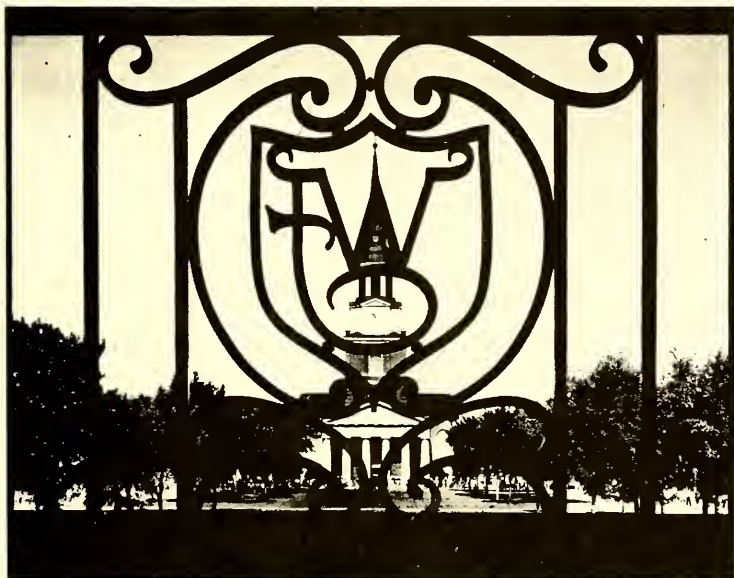
Wake Forest College was founded in 1834 by the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina at Wake Forest, North Carolina, and was moved to its new campus in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, in 1956. Its history has been one of triumph over uncertainty and hardship. Its philosophy is based on intellectual curiosity and reverence for things of the spirit. It is proud of its tradition of democracy and concern for individual freedom and individual Christian responsibility.

The undergraduate student body numbers about 2,500, with the professional and evening schools bringing the total enrollment to approximately 3,000.

Wake Forest offers the master's degree in a limited number of departments of the School of Arts and Sciences, the master of science degree in a limited number of departments in the Bowman Gray School of Medicine and the Ph. D. degree in a limited number of departments in the medical school. It is expected that the graduate area will be expanded. In addition to the School of Arts and Sciences, the Medical School and the Graduate Division, Wake Forest has a School of Law and a School of Business Administration.



Harold W. Tribble



Theme: "LIVING THE CHRIST LIFE"

# *Ashe Baptist Association*

## **EIGHTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION**

Meeting With

**LITTLE HELTON BAPTIST CHURCH**

**August 13, 1970**

**WARRENSVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH**

**August 14, 1970**

# IN MEMORIAM

APPLE GROVE—Mr. Fred Blevins  
 BALD MOUNTAIN—Mrs. Rosa Hopkins, Mr. B. H. Duncan (Professor)  
 BEAVER CREEK—(S) Mr. Bill Goodman  
 BIG FLATS—Mr. Claude William Greer, Mr. Smith Parsons,  
 Mr. Thomas Trivette  
 BIG LAUREL—Mr. Walter Joines (Deacon)  
 BLUE RIDGE—Mr. Commodore Phillips, Mr. W. T. Beshears  
 BRISTOL—Miss Blanch Proctor, Mr. Emmit Bullins  
 BUFFALO—Mr. Charlie Hodge (Deacon)  
 CALVARY—Mrs. Lura Shumate  
 CLIFTON—Mr. Wm. Abraham Roland, Mrs. Bina Gilley Jones,  
 Mrs. Ernest Smith, Elliot, Mrs. Lizzie Parsons Jones  
 FRIENDLY GROVE—Mrs. Wayne (Virginia) Jones  
 FRIENDLY—Mr. Jones McNeill, Mr. Fred Little, Mrs. Matissa Goodman  
 GLENDALE SPRINGS—Mrs. Sally Cox Miller  
 GRASSY CREEK—Mr. Luther Barker  
 GREENS CHAPEL—Mrs. Ellen Brooks  
 HEALING SPRINGS—Mr. Grover Gaultney, Mr. John Goins, Mr. Kermit  
 Church, Mr. Webb Pasley, Mrs. Trula Phipps  
 JEFFERSON FIRST—Mrs. Callie Rhodes  
 LANDMARK—Mr. Lester Blevins, Mrs. Becky Massey  
 LAUREL KNOB—Rev. H. M. Winkler

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LITTLE HELTON—Mrs. Bessie Testerman  
 MIDWAY—Mrs. Lou Hardin  
 MOUNT OLIVE—Mr. James Surber, Sp/5 Samuel E. Surber  
 NORTH BEAVER—Miss Anita Faye Miller  
 PINE HILL—Mrs. Lula Campbell  
 RED BIRDS—Mrs. Carmi Fletcher Brown  
 RED FIELDS—Mrs. Callie Woodruff, Mr. J. T. Hamby (Deacon),  
 Mr. Guy S. Hartzog  
 ROCK VALLEY—Mrs. Minnie Sluder  
 ROCKHURST—Master Tony Brooks, Mr. W. F. Eller  
 SABBATH HOME—Mr. Byran Miller  
 TURGILLS—Mr. Howard McClure (Deacon)  
 WICKERDALE—Mr. Jesse Gilley, Mr. Ira Gilley  
 WAGONER—Mr. Mackie Lambert  
 WARRENSVILLE—Mr. Lindsey Wilson  
 WEST JEFFERSON FIRST — Mr. I. M. Cook, Mr. James Haire, Sr.,  
 Mr. George McGuire, Mrs. G. W. Phillips, Mr. W. Jennings Radar,  
 Mr. E. F. Sheets, Miss Hazel Vannoy.



## Birthplace and childhood home of

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|       | Ele                           | Dr. George W. Truitt                     |                     |
|       | (                             | Hayseville, N.C. Clay County             | Treasurer           |
| 10:15 | Ref                           | Mr. Marse Grant                          | hard Blackburn      |
|       |                               | Editor, Biblical Recorder                |                     |
| 10:35 | Report on Christian Education |                                          | F. L. Barker, Jr.   |
|       | Dr. Eugene Poston             | President, Gardner-Webb College          |                     |
| 11:05 | Baptist Foundation            |                                          | Mr. Gordon Maddrey  |
| 11:20 | Miscellaneous Business        |                                          |                     |
| 11:30 | Associational Sermon          |                                          | Rev. Ray Shumate    |
|       |                               | (Pastor, Jefferson First Baptist Church) |                     |
|       | Alternate                     |                                          | Rev. Bill Burchette |
| 12:00 | Adjourn For Lunch             |                                          |                     |

## Afternoon Session — August 14, 1970

|      |                                          |                                   |
|------|------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1:15 | Worship: Hymn, Scripture, Prayer         | Rev. Kermit Goodman               |
|      | (Pastor, Mt. Olive Church)               |                                   |
| 1:30 | Report on Evangelism                     | Rev. Ray Shumate                  |
| 1:40 | Report on Pastor's Salary and Retirement | Floyd Johnson                     |
|      | Rev. Guy Cain                            | Annuity Department                |
| 2:00 | Hymn                                     | Youth Choir, W. J. First Baptist  |
| 2:05 | Sermon                                   | Rev. David Hartzog                |
|      | (Pastor, Orion Church)                   |                                   |
|      | Alternate                                | Rev. Garland Toliver              |
| 2:35 | Report on Baptist Children's Homes       | Mrs. Lelia Brooks                 |
|      | Mr. Isaac Terrell                        | Baptist Children's Homes          |
| 3:00 | Report on Cooperative Program            | Rev. Rex Campbell                 |
|      | Rev. Cleve Wilkie                        | Convention Stewardship Department |
| 3:20 | Report on Baptist Youth Camp             | Joe Brown                         |
| 3:25 | Miscellaneous Business                   |                                   |
| 3:30 | Adjourn                                  |                                   |



**LITTLE HELTON BAPTIST CHURCH**

**Morning Session — August 13, 1970**

|       |                                           |                                    |
|-------|-------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 9:00  | Worship: Hymn, Scripture, Prayer .....    | Rev. Lester Boyd                   |
| 9:15  | Recognition of Visitors and Announcements |                                    |
| 9:20  | The Association at Work in the Churches:  |                                    |
|       | 1. Sunday School .....                    | Mr. Joe Caparolie                  |
|       | 2. Training Union (Church Training) ..... | Rev. E. W. Powers                  |
|       | Rev. Sam O'Neal .....                     | Church Training Department         |
|       | 3. Vacation Bible School .....            | Miss Mary Jordan                   |
|       | 4. Brotherhood .....                      | Mr. Guy Shatley                    |
|       | Mr. Edwin Bullock .....                   | Brotherhood Department             |
|       | 5. Woman's Missionary Union .....         | Mrs. Sally Ashley                  |
|       | 6. Church Music .....                     | Mrs. Peggy Ashley                  |
| 10:40 | Report on Baptist Hospital .....          | Mr. Don Goodman                    |
|       | Mr. Calvin Knight .....                   | Representative, Baptist Hospital   |
| 11:00 | Report on American Bible Society .....    | Rev. G. C. Burkette                |
| 11:10 | Miscellaneous Business                    |                                    |
| 11:25 | Hymn .....                                | Calvary Baptist Church Youth Choir |
| 11:30 | Associational Sermon .....                | Bill Ballou                        |
|       | Alternate .....                           | Rev. Jimmy Caparolie               |
| 12:00 | Adjourn For Lunch                         |                                    |

**Afternoon Session — August 13, 1970**

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|------|--------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1:15 | Worship: Hymn, Scripture, Prayer .....                       | Rev. G. C. Burkette                  |
| 1:30 | Report on Christian Education:                               |                                      |
|      | 1. Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute .....                   | Rev. Alex Booth Jr.                  |
|      | 2. Campbell College .....                                    | Dr. R. L. Newton                     |
|      | 3. Mars Hill College .....                                   | Mr. Robert A. Melvin                 |
| 2:00 | Report on Homes For The Aging .....                          | Mrs. F. L. Waddell                   |
|      | Rev. Bill Poole .....                                        | Superintendent, Winston Salem, N. C. |
| 2:25 | Hymn: Warrensville Youth Choir .....                         | Mrs. Peggy Ashley, Dir.              |
| 2:30 | Sermon .....                                                 | Rev. Frank Tucker                    |
|      | Alternate .....                                              | Rev. Ross Harless                    |
| 3:00 | Report on Pastor's Conference .....                          | Rev. Rex Campbell                    |
|      | Report on Temperance and Public Morals .....                 | Rev. Bill Burchette                  |
|      | Report on Baptist Youth Camp                                 |                                      |
| 3:15 | Business Session:                                            |                                      |
|      | 1. Report of Committes:                                      |                                      |
|      | (a) Place and Preacher Committee                             |                                      |
|      | (b) Resolutions Committee                                    |                                      |
|      | 2. Unfinished Business — Election of Organizational Officers |                                      |
|      | 3. Miscellaneous Business                                    |                                      |
|      | 4. Reading and Approval of Minutes                           |                                      |
| 3:45 | Memorial Service .....                                       | Rev. Reeves Jones                    |
| 4:00 | Adjourn                                                      |                                      |

church member training. This is designed to help meet the needs of every church member and his children.

There are 13 organized Church Training organizations in our association. We recommend that each Church Training Director study carefully the New Program outlined for the 70's.

### New Features

Church training in the 70's will be flexible and varied in order to meet needs of individuals and groups. It will continue to help church members gain knowledge, understandings, and skills needed in fulfilling the church's mission.

- The new grouping-grading plan
- A correlated curriculum for all ages, carried in materials with fresh, more attractive formats
- Increased emphasis on short-term training and interest grouping
- A wider selection of elective training courses designed to meet specific training needs
- More emphasis on self-instruction as a training approach
- Emphasis on scheduling training for certain groups at times in addition to Sunday evening
- Flexibility of organization
- An improved general achievement guide and age-division achievement guides

While all church members are recognized as the primary constituency of the training program, distinctive needs of new church members and church leaders will be met through approaches and materials designed especially for them. In addition, the training program will provide for Preschoolers and Children (ages birth through eleven) foundational learning experiences. The tasks of the church training program of the 70's are

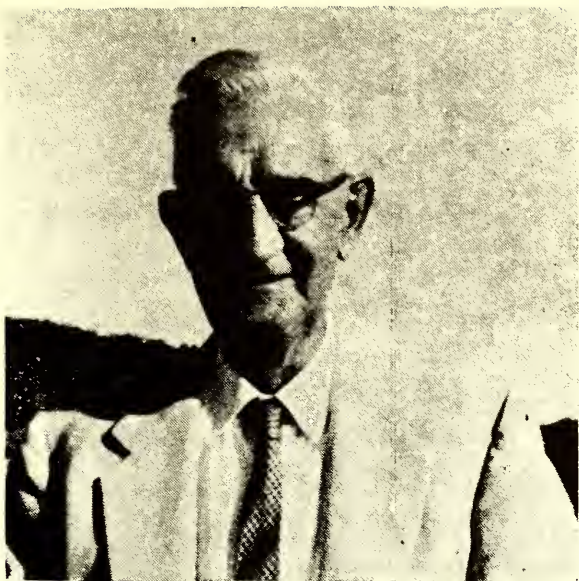
1. Orient new church members
2. Train church members to perform the functions of the church
3. Train church leaders
4. Teach Christian theology, Christian ethics, Christian history, and church policy and organization
5. Provide and interpret information regarding the work of the church and denomination.

### Church Member Training

In church member training, there will be increased emphasis on determining training needs — both church and individual — and upon meeting these needs. Procedures will be suggested to help church members analyze their own training needs and select appropriate training.

Organization and curriculum materials for church member training will reflect the new grouping-grading plan. There will be three leadership periodicals and three corresponding member periodicals for each division except Preschool. In the Preschool division, there will be three leadership periodicals and two periodicals for parents.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rev. E. W. Powers,  
Associational Church Training Director



**REV. HARRISON M. WINKLER**

**1888 - 1970**

Rev. Harrison M. Winkler, a native of Wilkes County, was ordained to the Gospel Ministry by the Fairplains Baptist Church in 1921, and shortly thereafter came to Ashe County where he served practically all of his active ministry. He served many of our churches as pastor and conducted revivals in many others; he was in great demand both as a pastor and evangelist.

Bro. Winkler was an able man in the pulpit, possessing a mind that organized his material in a logical and easily remembered outline and having a native eloquence that held the attention of his hearers. He was deeply concerned about the temptations that appeal so strongly to young people and warned them against being deceived by them. In the Ashe Association, in addition to the service he rendered in various offices, he is remembered particularly for his reports on Temperance and Public Morals. He was an uncompromising foe of beverage alcohol in any form.

Bro. Winkler was held in high esteem by his fellow ministers, as was evidenced by the presence of so many of them at his funeral. To Mrs. Winkler and the children we extend our sympathy and affection and commend them to the care and comfort of the Holy Spirit — even the Spirit of our Lord Jesus Christ.





## NORA G. HART MEMORIAL

Martinsville Virginia

1907 - 1971

Sponsored by W.M.U. Organization  
Of The Fuller Memorial Baptist Church  
1202 S. Askin St

Martinsville, Virginia

Nora, spent her entire life in the work  
of the Church. W.M.U. V.B.S. and in  
the duties of a wife of a busy pastor.

In The Ashe Baptist Association and in  
other States.



Nora G.Hart 1907 -- 1971

Serving in the Ashe Baptist Association for more than 25 years. Along with her husband Rev.Dr.M.D.Hart in this time served many of the churches as pastor in Ashe county.

She served as assistant to Mrs.Mattie Parsons. Associational Vice President. Of Womans Missionary Union.

After leaving Ashe County, we traveled more than 200,000 miles, Serving churches in Maryland, Tennessee and Georgia. and Virginia,

It was at The Fuller Memorial Pastorate that the end of the trail arrived, Jan 3, 1971.

She organized more than a dozen WMU Circles, during the time of our ministry together.

The hard work she did over the years deserves this honorable mention in the History of The Ashe Baptist Association.

While serving as pastor of the Maple View Baptist in the State of Maryland.

Nora Hart, was one of the speakers at the Middle River Baptist Church in Baltimore, at the Regional meeting of the WMU.

M.D.Hart

Theme: "LIVING THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST"

# *Ashe Baptist Association*

## **EIGHTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION**

Meeting With

**PLEASANT HOME CHURCH**

**August 12, 1971**

**HEALING SPRINGS CHURCH**

**August 13, 1971**

## IN DEDICATION



**REVEREND W. E. DENNY**

For several years it has been the fine and commendable custom of our Association to dedicate the Minutes of each session to some of our brethern who have served wonderfully and well and who are no longer with us. This is a departure to an extent in that the Minutes of this session of the Association of 1971 are, by the wish and will of the Association, dedicated to Reverend W. E. Denny, a man who is still with us, and this dedication is made in grateful recognition of what he has meant to the Association and to the Baptist cause in Ashe County for more than half a century. For twelve years he was the Moderator of the Association. For more years than that he has been the most influential member of that body and the Baptists of the Association have relied upon his judgment and followed his leadership. At the 1971 session, he preached the Associational Sermon, which many have proclaimed the best of all the wonderful sermons he has delivered through the years. It was a clarion call for our Baptist people to perform their mission for the cause of the Master in the churches, in the Association, and around the world. He deserves an accolade while he lives and, therefore, this dedication is made and there goes with it the devout desire that he may continue to be blessed and be a guiding star on the horizon of the Baptist cause in the Ashe Association for years to come.

# PLEASANT HOME BAPTIST CHURCH

## Morning Session — August 12, 1971

- 9:00—Worship: Hymn, Scripture, Prayer .... Host Pastor, Rev. Warner Eller
- 9:15—Welcome and Announcements
- 9:20—Organization — Moderator's Period ..... Mr. George West
1. Seating of Delegates
  2. Adoption of the Order of Business
  3. Recognition of Visitors
  4. Recognition of New Pastors
  5. Reception of New Churches
  6. Announcement of Committee Appointments
- 9:40—The Association at Work:
1. Report of Executive Committee ..... Mr. Bill Scott
  2. Report of Superintendent of Missions ..... Bill Ballou
  3. Report of Associational Treasurer ..... Mr. Jack Miller
  4. Report of Budget & Finance Committee ..... Mr. Gerald Denny
  5. Roll Call of the Churches
- 10:20—The Association at Work — Business Session
- Election of Officers:
- (1) Moderator    (2) Vice-Moderator    (3) Clerk-Treasurer
- 10:35—Congregational Hymn:
- 10:40—Report on Christian Literature ..... Mrs. David (Pat) Greene
- Mr. Marse Grant ..... Editor, *Biblical Recorder*
- Report on Christian Education ..... Mr. F. L. Barker, Jr.
- Mr. Charles W. Freeman ..... Gardner-Webb College
- Report on Baptist Foundation ..... Rev. Michael Sepaugh
- 1:10—Miscellaneous Business:
- 1:30—Associational Sermon ..... Rev. W. E. Denny (Retired)
- (Former Pastor, Pleasant Home Church)
- Alternate ..... Rev. E. W. Powers
- 2:00—Adjourn for Lunch ..... Grassy Creek Community Building

## Afternoon Session — August 12, 1971

- 1:15—Worship: Hymn, Scripture, Prayer ..... Rev. Eugene Ellis
- (Pastor, Sabbath Home Church)
- 1:30—Report on Evangelism ..... Rev. Herbert McCoy
- Report on N. C. Baptist Homes for the Aging ..... Mrs. F. L. Waddell
- Rev. Bill Poole ..... Superintendent, Winston-Salem, N. C.
- 2:15—Report on Baptist Youth Camp ..... Mr. Howard Jones
- 2:25—Congregational Hymn:
- 2:30—Sermon ..... Rev. Douglas Parsons
- (Former Pastor, Pleasant Home Church)
- Alternate ..... Rev. Herbert McCoy
- 3:00—Report on American Bible Society ..... Rev. G. C. Burkette
- 3:10—Miscellaneous Business:
- 3:30—Adjourn



## HEALING SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH

are forced to continue receiving financial assistance from the State Convention in order to operate.

Rev. Carl Witherspoon was appointed to fill the vacancy on the Executive Committee left by the resignation of Rev. Ray Shumate.

I wish to express my appreciation to the committee members who have been so faithful and concerned about the Associational work during the past three years that I have served with this committee. I ask that you continue your support to this committee that they may be able to carry on the Associational business between sessions.

Let us make the coming year a *Get Involved* year. All committees should be active. Regular meeting times should be scheduled so that you will be informed and kept up to date on affairs pertaining to the Association. If you know of any business which needs the attention of the Executive Committee, feel free to call any member, or meet with them on the third Thursday evening at 7:30 p.m. at the Associational Parsonage. Your comments and suggestions would be appreciated and helpful. I am sure that the members of this committee would be glad to meet with your committee at any time you feel it necessary or beneficial.

GET INVOLVED — let's make this the best Associational year yet.

Respectfully submitted,  
William F. Scott, Chairman

### HOMES FOR THE AGING

Our North Carolina Baptist Homes For The Aging celebrated their 20th anniversary in March of this year. During these twenty years, quite a host of aging people have found a haven of rest and happiness in the homes that Christian people, with their faith in God and their gifts dedicated to Him, have built and provided for this ministry to the aging, and we feel sure that God has been pleased and still is, when we see how this ministry has grown from two modest homes to five homes, with a wonderful nursing care unit at Hayes Home that will care for 76 bed patients. 160 residents also are given loving care and cheer in the homes.

May the churches of the Ashe Baptist Association come forward and honor our Lord and Master with a worthy offering to this great cause, and help to brighten the last days, weeks, or perhaps years of fathers and mothers who are facing the sunset of this troublesome life.

May we follow the example of the boy who gave his loaves and small fishes into the hands of the Master and let Him multiply and divide it among the many thousands who are looking to us for help.

"Cast me not off in time of old age: forsake me not when my strength faileth." Psalm 71:9

Respectfully submitted,  
Mrs. F. L. Waddell

### IN MEMORIAM

BALD MOUNTAIN—Master Jerry Stevens

BETHEL—Mr. Glenn Watson

BIG FLATS—Mrs. Bessie Jordan, Mr. McKinley Payne

BIG LAUREL—Mrs. Nancy Stanley, Mr. George Stanley

CALVARY—Mr. Earl Spencer

FRIENDLY GROVE—Mr. Cicero Harless, Mrs. P. N. Hodges  
 FRIENDSHIP—Mr. William Little, Mrs. Laura Marsh, Mrs. Georgie  
 Burkette  
 GLENDALE SPRINGS—Mrs. Jane Bare  
 GREENS CHAPEL—Mrs. Ettie Barker  
 HEALING SPRINGS—Mr. Hampton Blevins, Mr. S. V. Alexander  
 JEFFERSON FIRST—Mrs. Mary Eller, Mr. Hagi Houck, Mr. James  
 R. Pilkins  
 LANDMARK—Mr. R. A. Blevins, Mr. James E. Barker  
 LIBERTY GROVE—Mr. R. B. Brown, Mr. Earnie Greene  
 MT. OLIVE—Mrs. Annie Ruth Sawyer  
 NORTH BEAVER—Mrs. Artie Belle Phillips  
 OAK HILL—Mrs. Bessie Turner  
 OBIDS—Mrs. Vena Parsons, Mr. Pete Phillips  
 PEAK VALLEY—Mr. Sylvanus Norris  
 PILOT MOUNTAIN—Mr. Russell Vannoy, Mrs. Russell Vannoy,  
 Mrs. Mary Winebarger  
 PLEASANT HOME—Mr. Clay Blevins, Mrs. Susie Pearl Pasley  
 ROCK CREEK—Rev. Lewis Paul Horne  
 SABBATH HOME—Mr. Howard Miller  
 STURGILLS—Mr. Frank Kelly  
 THREE FORKS—Mr. Luther Anderson, Mrs. Winnie Lewis  
 TUCKERDALE—Mrs. Evelyn Powers, Mrs. Vada Powers, Mrs. Okey Jones,  
 Mr. Glenn Sullivan  
 VALLEY HOME—Mrs. Lenna M. Roark, Mrs. Dell Gentry  
 WAGONER—Mr. Guy Coldiron, Deacon; Mr. Clyde Collins  
 WARRENSVILLE—Mrs. Bina Ashley  
 WEST JEFFERSON FIRST—Mr. B. F. Cook, Deacon; Mrs. Nelia Ann  
 Dixon, Mrs. Josie Jones Green, Mr. David Harless, Mr. Joseph F.  
 Hudler, Mrs. Effie Mash Poe, Mr. Robert G. Pugh, Mrs. Albertine  
 B. Taylor.

### MUSIC DIRECTOR'S REPORT

In February, 1971, a Song Festival was to have been held at West Jefferson Baptist Church. This meeting was to have included choirs from other parts of the state as well as the county choirs. However, there was not enough interest shown to merit having it.

In July, 1971, Dr. Perrin from Gardner-Webb conducted another music school. This school concentrated on preparation of music for the coming Associational Revival. Both adult and youth groups were large in number. The school was a great success.

The Music Director, with an accompanist, went to one church to aid them in their music. It is hoped that other churches would seek to enrich their music programs. Through music we can speak in a special way. Be in prayer that God will continue to guide us in our work, and that all we do might be to the glory of God.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Mrs. Maureen Blackburn  
 Associational Music Director

Theme: "LIVING THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST"

# *Ashe Baptist Association*

## **EIGHTY-SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION**

Meeting With

**GRASSY CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH**

**August 19, 1972**

**FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH**

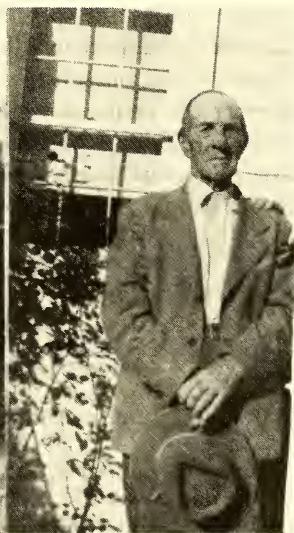
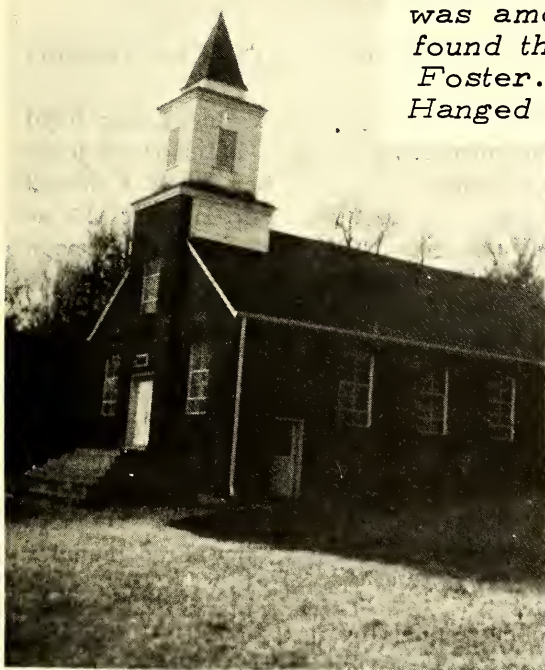
**August 11, 1972**





### GRASSY CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH

*Ed. Witherspoon's Father was among the group that found the body of Laura Foster. Tom Duley was Hanged for the murder.*



### FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH

*Mr. Ed Witherspoon, Age 95.  
Has been a Deacon for 63 Years.*

GRASSY CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH

Morning Session — August 10, 1972

- 9:00—Worship: Hymn, Scripture, Prayer .... Host Pastor, Rev. Reeves Jones  
Welcome And Announcements.
- 9:20—Organization — Moderator's Period ..... Mr. George West
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1. Report Of Executive Committee ..... Mr. Jimmy Griffin
  2. Report Of Superintendent Of Missions ..... Bill Ballou
  3. Report Of Associational Treasurer ..... Rev. Jack Miller
  4. Report Of Budget & Finance Committee .... Mr. Gerald Denny
  5. Roll Call Of The Churches ..... Bill Ballou
- 10:15—The Association At Work — Business Session  
Election Of Officers
- (1) Moderator                      (2) Vice-Moderator                      (3) Clerk-Treasurer
- 10:30—Congregational Hymn:
- 10:35—Report On Pastor's Conference ..... Rev. Lester Boyd
- Report On Ashe Baptist Summer Camp ..... Mr. Howard Jones
- Report On American Bible Society ..... Rev. W. H. Caldwell
- Report On Evangelism ..... Rev. Herbert McCoy
- Report On Temperance & Public Morals ..... Rev. Carl Witherspoon
- Christian Education, Gardner-Webb College ..... J. Roy Robinson
- 11:05—Miscellaneous Business:
- 11:30—Associational Sermon ..... Rev. Everette W. Powers  
(Pastor, Friendship & Phoenix Churches)
- Alternate ..... Rev. Herbert Caldwell
- 12:00—Adjourn For Lunch:                      (Lunch Served On The Church Grounds)

Afternoon Session — August 10, 1972

- 1:15—Worship, Hymn, Scripture, Prayer ..... Rev. Fred Jennings  
(Pastor, New River Church)
- 1:30—Report On Baptist Hospital ..... Mr. Don Goodman  
Rev. Calvin Knight, Denominational Relations, Baptist Hospital
- 2:00—Congregational Hymn:
- 2:05—Sermon ..... Rev. Ernest V. Austin  
(Pastor, Fletcher Memorial)
- Alternate ..... Rev. Walter Day
- 2:35—Miscellaneous Business:
- 3:00—Adjourn ..... Benediction

## FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH

### Morning Session — August 11, 1972

- 9:00—Worship: Hymn, Scripture, Prayer Host Pastor, Rev. Everette Powers  
9:15—Recognition Of Visitors And Announcements:  
9:25—The Association At Work In The Churches:  
1. Sunday School ..... Mr. J. C. Ashley  
2. Church Training ..... Rev. Everette Powers  
3. Woman's Missionary Union ..... Mrs. Sally Ashley  
4. Brotherhood ..... Mr. Guy Shatley  
5. Vacation Bible School ..... Miss Mary Jordan  
6. Church Music ..... Mrs. Maureen Blackburn  
9:55—Roll Call Of The Churches ..... Bill Ballou  
10:00—Congregational Hymn:  
10:05—Reports: College — Institution — Agency  
1. The Baptist Foundation Of North Carolina ... C. Gordon Maddrey  
2. The Southern Baptist Annuity Board ..... Rev. Guy Cain  
3. Christian Literature ..... Mrs. Pat Greene  
Representative, Biblical Recorder ..... Editor, J. Marse Grant  
4. Christian Education ..... Mrs. Arleen Woodie  
Representative, Wake Forest University ..... Dr. Howell Smith  
5. Baptist Children's Homes ..... Rev. Glenn Woodie  
Representative, Baptist Children's Homes ... J. Parker McLendon  
11:00—Miscellaneous Business:  
11:25—Congregational Hymn:  
11:30—Sermon ..... Rev. Guy Cain  
Alternate ..... Rev. Lester Boyd  
12:00—Adjourn For Lunch ..... Benediction

### Afternoon Session — August 11, 1972

- 1:15—Worship: Hymn, Scripture, Prayer ..... Rev. Tommy Johnson  
1:30—Report On Baptist Homes For The Aging ..... Mrs. F. L. Waddell  
(Pastor, Fletcher Memorial)  
Representative ..... Superintendent, Rev. William A. Poole  
1:55—Christian Education Reports:  
1. Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute ..... Dean, Alex L. Booth, Jr.  
2. Campbell College ..... Dr. Hugh L. McKinney  
2:20—Congregational Hymn:  
2:25—Sermon ..... Rev. Herbert McCoy  
(Pastor, Friendly Grove Church)  
Alternate ..... Rev. Carl Witherspoon  
2:55—Business Session:  
1. Report Of Committees  
(a) Time, Place And Preacher Committee  
(b) Resolutions Committee  
2. Unfinished Business — Election Of Organizational Officers  
3. Miscellaneous Business  
4. Reading And Approval Of Minutes  
3:35—Memorial Service ..... Rev. Fred Troutman  
3:45—Adjourn ..... 247 ..... Benediction





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# INTRODUCTION

Quite some time ago, I became aware of a personal conviction that the general concept of religious art could be expanded in opposite directions. That is, I felt that greater accentuation could be given to the human characteristics of Jesus Christ, and also to elements pertaining to His divinity; especially the suffering of His divine nature as He made atonement for our sins.

During my years in art college, the conviction deepened. In the workshop of my heart, this conviction has become a matrix which has as its industry the production of paintings that portray my beliefs concerning Christ, *the Word made flesh*. I have worked especially to expound my convictions that Christ—even as He walked as *man with man*—suffered in His divine soul as only God can suffer.

It has been my privilege to present a number of these paintings in an “exhibition-lecture” program before many audiences of various faiths. The response to this presentation, which I have chosen to call “The Man of Sorrows,” is the impetus for reproducing the paintings and lecture to form this booklet.

It is my belief that we all, even the regenerated, are inclined to step within the scope of the indictment given in Isaiah 53, verse 3: “And we hid as it were our faces from Him.” With hidden faces we cannot behold Christ as He really is. Thus, we reshape Him in our subconscious minds. We create a smoother image which is less chafing to our consciences; an image which is flexible, and which will conform to the shape of our lives as they are, leaving them undisturbed. The Christ we see behind hidden faces requires not spirituality, only sentimentality. Even as He makes atonement, His blood flows from superficial wounds in graceful streamlets down over His serene, unquivering body.

Ineffectuality is the aspect of this distorted image of Christ, and apathy the token of our response to Him. It is my sincere prayer that we may learn to behold the Lord Jesus Christ with uncovered eyes, especially as He became “The Man of Sorrows.”

*Herz/Holler*  
ISA. 53

ALTHOUGH CHRIST was both human and divine, His disciples were simply human. I believe that one strong evidence of their humanity was the fear with which they were stricken when their ship was stricken by a storm on the Sea of Galilee.

At the outset of this voyage across the Lake of Galilee to the country of the Gadarenes, the lake was calm and smooth, like the glass of a mirror. But later that "mirror lake" suddenly became like a shattered mirror whose thousands of fragments were thousands of jagged, perilous waves.

These militant waves, marshalled by the wind, launched fierce attack upon that small, defenseless vessel. Some of the waves with wild glee went leaping into the ship. The disciples pulled hard on the ropes, but the sea had taken command of the ship. Christ, undisturbed by the storm, was in the stern of the ship asleep under a blanket of human weariness. He had just come from many hours of ministering to needy multitudes.

Finally, some of the disciples went stumbling and groping their way to the stern. I believe it must have been Simon Peter who laid rough, rope-burned hands upon the Lord's shoulders and cried loudly, "Carest thou not that we perish?" Christ awoke and was displeased. Most of us are irate when we are shaken roughly awake. But the displeasure that Christ knew was not caused by the disturbance of His rest and sleep. He was displeased by the lack of faith displayed by His disciples.

Christ rose up and rebuked the sea that was behaving so much like a fearsome dragon and caused it to lie down and become calm, benign, and subdued. Fright had opened wide the eyes and mouths of the disciples, but this distortion of their faces was not to subside when the storm subsided. Wide eyes and open mouths are also the expression of amazement, and there was amazement in abundance as they whispered among themselves, saying, "What manner of man is this, that even the winds and the waves obey Him?"

# THE MAN OF SORROWS

**I**N JOHN'S GOSPEL, chapter 1, verse 14, we read a description of Christ that says: "And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us." What was the aspect of that flesh? What were the salient physical characteristics of the God-man, Jesus Christ? What did He look like? I believe that the Christ who was for many years carpenter before He became public figure, was a robust individual with muscled arms and callused hands.

He was meek; but true *meekness*, such as His, has no kinship with *weakness*. He is often rightly thought of as the Gentle Shepherd who leads His sheep to shady, green pastures. But He was also the rugged Christ of the dusty road, and more than that, the Christ of the gutter of that road; for there is where He went to thrust His miracle-working hands into the wretchedness and filth that engulfed the outcasts of humanity.

He is a Christ who sweated, and it is likely that He often had dirt beneath His fingernails. He had a personal acquaintance with pain, misery, grief, loneliness, hunger, weariness, and anger. He knew all the temptations and stimulations known to man, for He too was clad in the shabby cloth of human flesh.

Although clad in this fleshly garment, Christ never allowed one thread of its fabric to become broken by the pulling, tearing forces of temptation. That is, Christ, although robed in sinful flesh, never committed a sin.

Fully God and fully man was He as His broad shadow spread out across the paths of His fellow men.

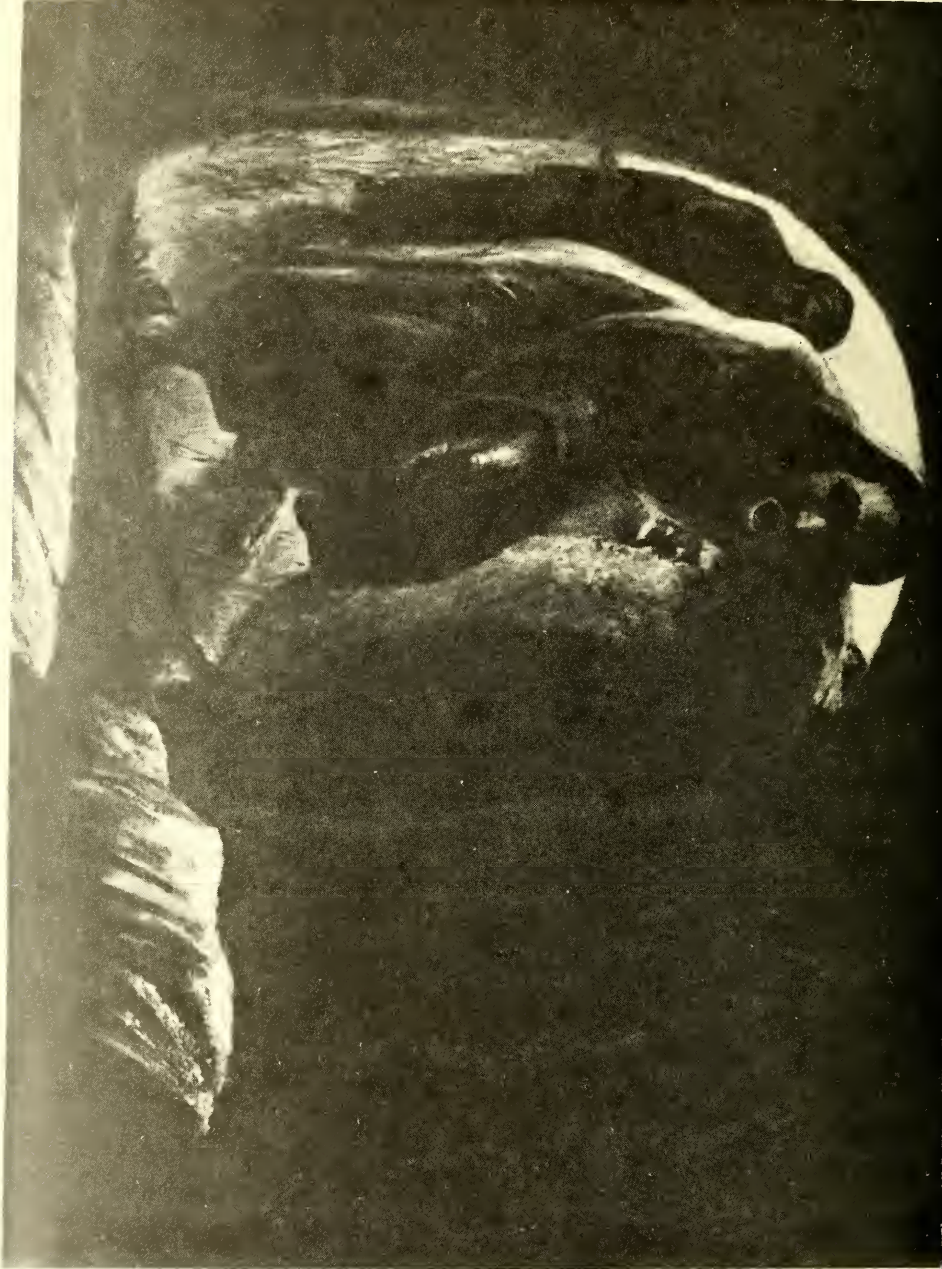
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CAREST THOU NOT THAT WE PERISH?"

Mark 4:38



"LAZARUS, COME FORTH!"

John 11:43





**"IT IS WRITTEN, 'MY HOUSE IS THE HOUSE OF PRAYER';  
BUT YE HAVE MADE IT A DEN OF THIEVES!" Luke 19:46**

**I**N JERUSALEM, Christ went into the temple and was sorely displeased to see His Father's house profaned by dishonest merchants and moneychangers. Using a rope as a whip, He drove them out.

One can imagine that the hearts of those thievish men stopped pumping blood and began to pump the fear that had taken over their hearts, for Christ was unlike any other angry person they had ever seen. His face was an ember glowing with holy wrath. I am not attempting to be clever when I say that Christ was literally a "holy terror" to the desecrators of the temple.

However, Christ the *angry one* was not Christ the *sinning one*. He was like you and me in that there were times when He manifested anger. But, He was unlike us in that He did not let that anger turn into sin, as we so often do.

*Christ cleansing the temple* epitomizes the anger of God against all unrighteousness.

**I**T IS THE TIME of the Feast of the Passover, and Christ and His disciples meet in an upper room in Jerusalem to observe this feast.

In this painting, I have again tried to emphasize my conviction that Christ was robust and virile of physique. He uses His huge carpenter's hands to break bread which He will give to His disciples as a token of His soon-to-be-broken body.

I have also tried to create a sensitive expression on His face to indicate that His thoughts are visualizing the suffering which He must soon endure.

I believe that our Lord knew incomparable loneliness. Even His most intimate associates, His disciples, fell pitifully short in understanding the work and mission of their master.

"AND HE TOOK BREAD, AND GAVE THANKS, AND BRAKE IT..

Luke 22:19





JESUS AND HIS DISCIPLES leave the upper room and go to the Garden of Gethsemane. Here He draws apart from His disciples and goes to a secluded spot and falls down to pray. What is the burden of His prayer? Christ prays that, if it can be His Father's will, He may not have to drink the cup of death that even now is being brewed for Him in the blackened cauldron that simmers over the fires of Hell.

The full measure of His dread and horror of crucifixion cannot find adequate expression in the verbal articulation of His prayer. The streams of bloody-sweat that pour from His body are more eloquent.

The bloody-sweat of Jesus in Gethsemane is no poetic exaggeration; for, although it is rare, other cases of "Hematidrosis," or bloody-sweat, are well documented in medical literature. Under great emotional stress, tiny blood vessels in the sweat glands can break. Thus, blood becomes mixed with sweat.

But how may we understand the overwhelming emotional stress, the intense anguish of Jesus as He prays in Gethsemane? We remember that Christ, although divine, is also human. Could He be experiencing the same human fear and dread that would be known by any mortal facing the indescribable pain and other sufferings that are synonymous with crucifixion? If this be true, His keen perceptive powers must create a sharp, vivid, mental picture of the excruciating agonies that He must endure. He can envision the scourging that will slash His back into bloody ribbons of ragged flesh. He foresees the rough, wooden cross upon which He will be laid and to which the Roman legionnaires will nail His hands and feet with gruesome, blunted spikes. He realizes that several strong men will lift up that cross after He has been nailed to it and shove

it roughly into a hole in the ground. He knows that the jarring, ripping impact of that heavy, wooden structure thudding against the bottom of that hole will cause the wounds in His hands and feet to tear hard against those unyielding spikes. Moreover, Jesus is aware that to be crucified is to be enswathed in shame, and that Death with hated slowness spreads his mantle over victims of crucifixion. For such victims die by slow, torturous *suffocation* while they suffer limitless pain and misery caused by the wounds and abuses that have been wrought in their bodies.

But—I am convinced in every square-inch of my soul that not one syllable of His agonizing beseeching to be spared crucifixion is uttered that He may escape these horrifying physical tortures. For—although unthinkable in its terribleness—this physical abuse yet amounts to only what *man can do to the flesh*. Has not Christ taught His followers not to fear those who can only destroy the body? (Matthew 10:28)

His mental torment and anguish of soul in Gethsemane are caused by His knowledge that, when He shall be crucified, His pure, pristine, spotless, sinless *soul* will be laid bare and spread out to have poured out upon it all the burning, boiling, frothing, scarring, scathing *acid* of the sins of the entire human race! He will have to absorb all this poisonous filth that is absolutely foreign to His divine nature; and, in doing so, He will lose His identity in this sin and become indistinguishable from it. The Sinless One will become the *personification of sin*—that which, of all things in the universe, is most repulsive to Him.

But, what is the dominate note of His prayer to His Father? “*Nevertheless, not my will, but thine, be done.*”



"FATHER, IF THOU BE WILLING, REMOVE THIS CUP  
FROM ME." Luke 22:42



**J**ESUS ENDS HIS PRAYING, rises from the bloodied ground, and rejoins His disciples. He is immediately taken prisoner; and, during the hours that follow, He is subjected to five mock trials. Indeed, from each of these trials Justice retreats with spotted robes; for the black filth of lies spews forth in profusion from mouths with lips curled into the shape of hatred. Despite this, Pontious Pilate can find no cause to convict Jesus of wrong. However, to please the mob, Pilate orders Barabbas released and condemns Jesus to be scourged and crucified.

Crucifixion and scourging were so common in that day that the Gospel writers undoubtedly considered a detailed description totally superfluous. But let us realize that a great portion of the blood that our Lord shed was spilled in the scourging. So weak was He from the shock caused by great blood-loss that He fell beneath the weight of the cross when it was placed upon His gory back and shoulders.

Is the blood precious to us, as we so often sing that it is? Then, although the aspect of it being shed is horrible, may it not be said of us that we still *hide as it were our faces from Him*. And, although this blood washes the sinner as white as snow, may it stain our memories an indelible crimson.

From one historian's account we learn what was entailed in the inhuman punishment of scourging. The prisoner is stripped of his clothing and his hands are tied to a post above his head. The Roman legionnaire steps forward with the *flagellum* in his hand. This is a short whip consisting of several heavy, leather thongs with

two small balls of lead attached near the end of each. The heavy whip is brought down with full force again and again across the shoulders, back, and legs of Jesus. The blood flows as the first blows cut through the skin. Then, as the blows continue, there is spurting arterial bleeding from vessels in the underlying muscles. The balls of lead cause large, deep bruises which are broken open by subsequent blows. Finally the skin of the back is hanging in long ribbons and the entire area is an unrecognizable mass of torn, bleeding tissue. When it is determined by the centurion in charge that the prisoner is near death, the beating is finally stopped. Jesus, in a state of half-consciousness, is untied and allowed to slump to the stone pavement – wet with his own blood.

The Roman soldiers, in joking mockery of this One's claim to be a king, throw a purple robe around His shoulders. Then they fashion for Him a crown from a bundle of flexible branches covered with long thorns. This is pressed onto His head and the thorns puncture His scalp and brow. They mock Him and strike Him across the face. Finally they tire of their sadistic sport, and the robe is torn from His back. This has already become adherent to the clots of blood and serum in the wounds. The rough jerking away of this robe is like the careless removal of a surgical bandage – causing excruciating pain.

The heavy cross is laid upon His gory back and shoulders. The procession of the condemned Christ, two thieves, and the execution detail of Roman soldiers – headed by a centurion – begins its slow journey along the Via Dolorosa.



THEN PILATE THEREFORE TOOK JESUS  
AND SCOURGED HIM." John 19:1



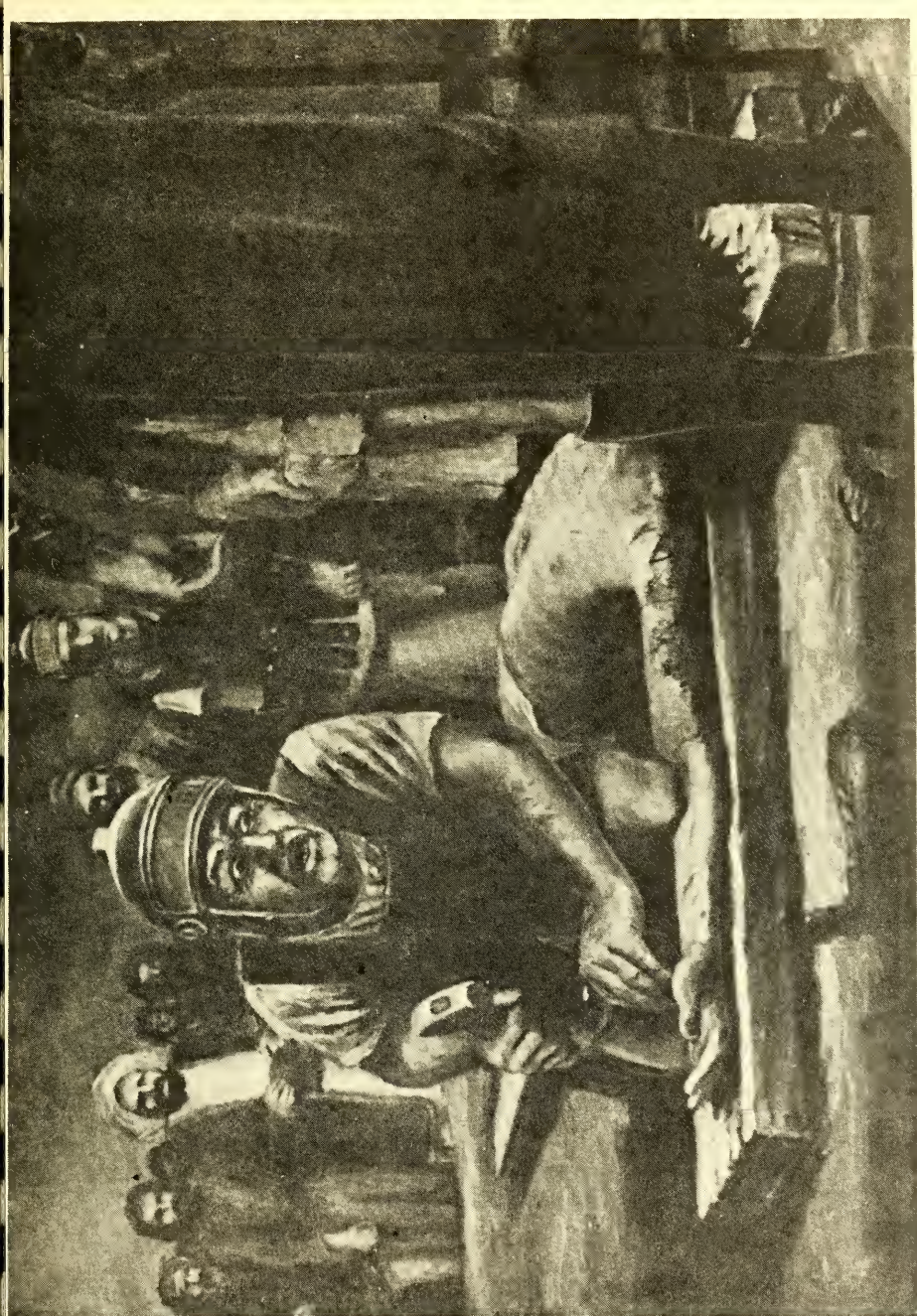
**T**HEY BRING HIM TO CALVARY, the place of public execution.

There is no verse that gives direct description concerning the Roman executioner; but I have considered that it would not conflict with the Scriptures to suppose that this huge, brutish man might have looked over into the face of Jesus and have seen something quite different from the expressions that he had witnessed on the faces of the rogues and criminals whom he had put to death. I imagine that what he saw in the face of Jesus was so infinitely strange that even he, a hardened and beastly man, drew back in a moment of hesitation—even fear—before he drove those blunted spikes through the hands of Jesus.

There was no need for him to pin down the arm of Jesus with his huge knee. Christ had said that no man would take His life, but that He would lay it down. He did not struggle nor resist.

The crude, heavy executioner's hammer, as it nailed the hands of Jesus to that cross textured with splinters, was at the same time performing like the hammer of the *goldsmith*. For, as it wrought pain and mutilation to the royal hands of the Prince of Heaven, it wrought for us *golden crowns*.





"AND IT WAS THE THIRD HOUR,  
AND THEY CRUCIFIED HIM."

Mark 15:25

**T**HE CROSS with its innocent victim is raised up and planted in the earth. Christ becomes grotesquely silhouetted against the heavens—the heavens that, according to the psalmist, declare the glory of God. Ah, but now they declare the *death* of the Son of God!

Christ has been subjected to every indignity and painful abuse imaginable. His body has been unmercifully smitten and mutilated. He opens His mouth; and from His tortured throat, where the gurgling sound of blood mingles with the rattle of death, there is given the most agonizing cry of suffering that has ever shattered the vast silence of the universe. But this cry is not to give voice to the pain He endures in His mutilated body. Although unbelievably excruciating, this does not compare with the unmitigated grief and anguish that have smitten His soul.

He cries, “My God! My God! Why hast Thou forsaken me?” What does this mean? *How*, and, indeed, *why* has God *forsaken* Him? Christ upon that cross has taken upon Himself the entire aggregation of the sins of the whole human race. He has lost His identity in that morass of sin and has become indistinguishable from it. This aspect is so terrible to God that He cannot bear to look. He cannot identify with the *personification of sin* that His son has become—and He forsakes Him.

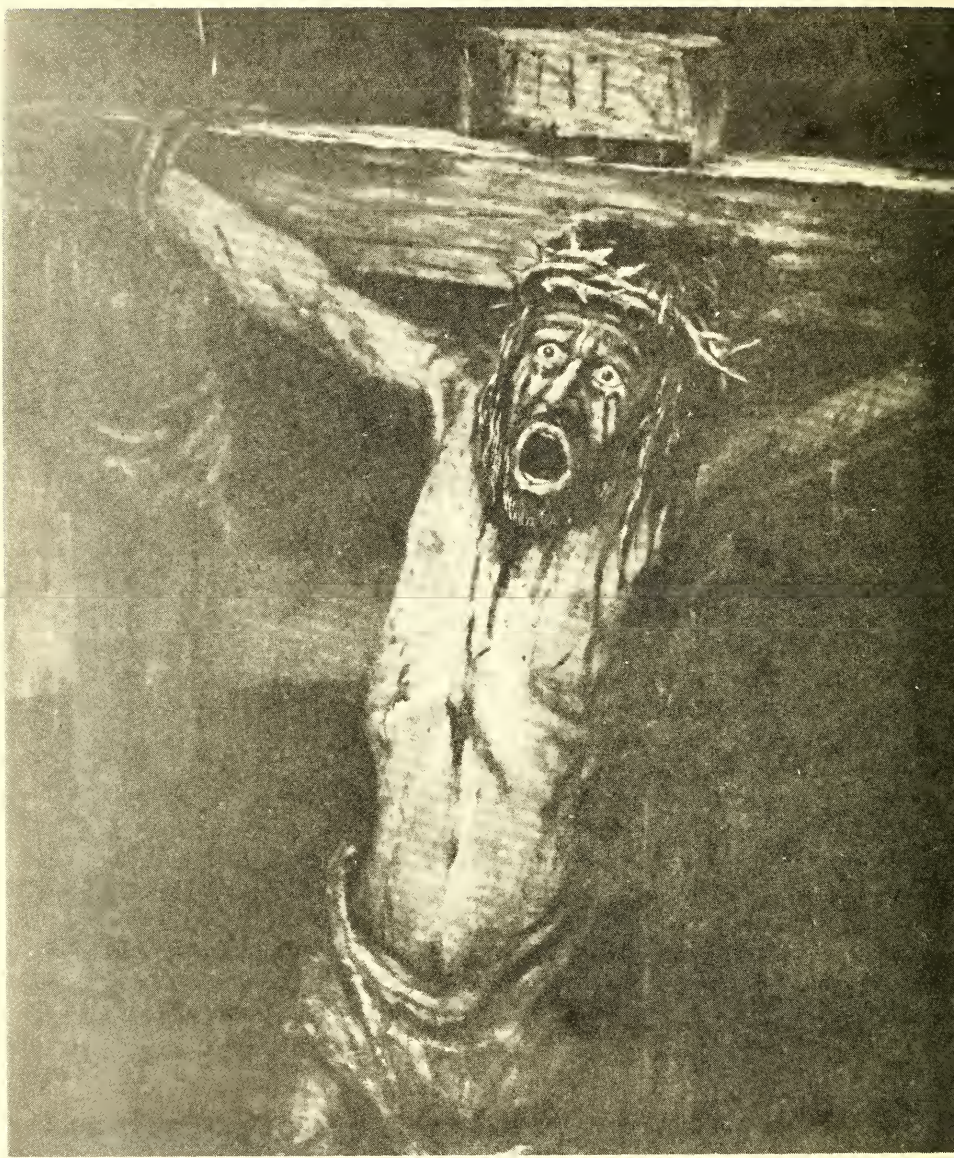
I am persuaded that compared to the suffering that Christ now experiences in His soul, the scourging that has shredded His flesh is like the caress of His mother’s hand. The shocking pain caused by those gruesome spikes in His hands and feet, when compared to that which has punctured His soul, is like the sensation He knew when, as a child, He reached out His hand to catch a raindrop. And by such comparison, the grotesque crown of thorns gouging into His head seems no more than the dust of the carpenter shop falling upon His hair. His divinity has become so mingled and amalgamated with our sins that now He appears not as *divinity*, but as



*sin*. Every atom, if you please, of His divine nature has become encrusted with our *filthy, shameful sin*.

And that is not all. That sin itself is suffering, as it were. The judgement of Hell is at the same time being poured out upon that sin! In addition to the divine Christ becoming the epitome of sin, He suffers all the ravaging tortures of Hell which are mixed and mingled with that sin! He takes our sins . . . and at the same time, takes the *judgement* for them. Here is the fullness of His *sorrow and acquaintance with grief*! What Christ suffers for us is *spiritual death*—separation from God and the horrors of Hell. The death of His soul is infinitely more horrible than the destruction and death of His body.

Simon Peter is not unique. He is not the only one who forsakes and disowns Christ. The Holy God has to forsake and disown the *reality of sin* that Christ has become. The sky has turned black, for God has drawn an opaque curtain of darkness between Heaven and Earth. I envision that, in Heaven, the music of the angelic choir blends into a symphony of sobs and sounds of weeping. Muteness descends upon the harps of many strings. I see the seraphims with six wings whom Isaiah described as flying with two wings, covering their feet with two, and covering their faces with the remaining two wings. I see them as settling down to the floor of Heaven and sorrowfully covering their faces with all six wings. I envision that the God of the ages covers His face with one hand as He reaches out with the other to touch the empty seat beside Him there in the resplendent, white throne. As He covers His face, there falls pitch-black darkness in Heaven. Every sound is smothered to silence by that thick, stifling morass of darkness. But, outside the closed portals of Heaven, out there among the stars, there is heard a strange sound. It sounds like music! The Book of Job mentions a time when, eons ago, the stars sang together. Now they are singing again. How dare they sing now when all else is silent with grief? What are they singing? Ah, they are singing a *love song*! Celestial



"MY GOD! MY GOD! WHY HAST THOU FORSAKEN ME?"

Matthew 27:46



harmonies, carried by the speed of light, waft across unfathomed space to swell the theme of God's immeasurable love for mankind! What *lavish, sacrificial, costly love*! Christ nailed to that cross is its eloquent token.

What condescension resulted from that love! How can mortal minds, with imaginations always bound to mortal environment, begin to comprehend, even minutely, what it meant for the divine Prince of Heaven to lay aside the mantle of His opulent glory and garb himself in the shabby cloth of human flesh? What was it like for the Perfect One to lose His own identity on Calvary's cross and become the personification of sin? Realizing the utter inability of finite minds to even begin to grasp the magnitude of this condescension, I asked God to give me some means by which I could describe just a small, infinitesimal concept of it. God answered this request by putting into my mind an allegory that left me shivering with nausea. I was made to realize as never before that, although we cringe when our aesthetic sensibilities are shocked, the sacrifices and sufferings of our Lord cannot be understood in terms of sweet, sentimental, undisturbing niceties.

This allegory is somewhat shocking. However, I wish to share it with you; for I believe that many agree that we all need to be shocked into a deeper awareness of what Christ suffered for us.

I shall begin this allegory by saying that, when I was a boy, I read a fairy story about a prince who was turned into a frog by a wicked magician. Frogs do not disturb me; but if there is anything in the universe that I cannot abide, it is snakes. I believe that most people share this feeling. I am going to ask you now to imagine that, due to some black magic or alchemy, your body suddenly begins to grow smaller. As it grows smaller it changes shape. Your arms and legs disappear. Your head becomes small and wedge-shaped. Your skin changes in color and texture as it takes on scales. You are filled with terror as suddenly you realize that from all outward appearances, you have become a slithering, writhing, despi-

cable serpent. Although your body has undergone a horrible metamorphic change, your intelligence, your soul, and your emotional capacity remain unchanged. You cannot protest nor cry out, for your now forked tongue cannot articulate words. You cannot weep; for your unblinking, beady eyes have no tears. You can only crawl out of and away from your clothes that have fallen to the ground, shapeless. You crawl along on the ground that became cursed at the same time a curse was put upon your newly-acquired ancestor. You find yourself crawling along a familiar path, and suddenly you realize that some of the uneven places in the earth that you crawl in and out of are your very own *tracks* that you made when you walked upright on legs and feet. Your only hope is that somehow you may escape being killed until some miracle can break the awful spell that has been put upon you and restore you to a human being. But suddenly you are caught about the middle with a steel hook that is attached to the end of a long pole. Then you are lifted swiftly and thrust roughly into a heavy sack. You think that this is the end of you as you begin to suffocate in the darkness. Before you die of suffocation, however, the mouth of the sack opens again and you are dumped out. You are grateful for the air and daylight until you realize where you are. You have been thrown into a cage of hissing, vile snakes! Immeasurable and indescribable are your horror, your torment, your anguish, and your disgust as these snakes crawl toward you and begin to entwine themselves about your body that is exactly like theirs! You become inseparably linked with the creatures that are, of all creatures imaginable, most despised by you. You lose your identity among them and become indistinguishable from them. Your friends and loved ones do not know you and they hate you because they cannot stand snakes!

Yet, I believe that this illustration portrays the full measure of Christ's condescension and suffering to the same degree that a tiny *spark* portrays the shining of all the stars in a *heavenly galaxy*. He, who poured out for us the water of life, "poured out his soul unto

death." The only way Christ could promise exemption from this *spiritual death* to those who would keep His word was to die that death Himself.

This question confronts us: "If He died spiritually, was He resurrected spiritually?" The answer is a victorious "Yes!" This resurrection was necessary to win victory over spiritual death, just as His bodily resurrection was necessary for triumph over physical death. Jesus was in the throes of spiritual death when He cried out that God had forsaken Him. But when He gave the glad cry, "It is finished," He spoke of the completed work for the salvation of the souls of mankind. His divinity was restored. He had been resurrected spiritually. He could then peacefully and gladly say, "Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit."

A Roman legionnaire drove his lance through the fifth inter-space between the ribs and upward into the heart of Jesus. John 19:34 says, "And immediately there came out blood and water." Medical science sheds light for us here. It states that in the case of heart rupture — and only in that case — the blood collects in the pericardium (the lining around the outside wall of the heart) and divides into a sort of bloody-clot and a watery serum. Thus, the cause of Jesus' physical death seems to be *heart rupture*, not the usual crucifixion death of *suffocation*. The emotional stress and spiritual agony caused His heart to rage so wildly that His heart burst open. Our sins killed Christ both *spiritually* and *physically*. This ought to cause *us* to become acquainted with a measure of grief.

First John 3:1 says, "Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God." What *utterly, absolutely, unfailingly amazing love* is proved by the sacrifice that God through Christ has made. If we love Jesus because, as the song says, He is "altogether lovely," how infinitely more should we love Him because with our sins He became "altogether *ugly*!"

**PAINTINGS AND MESSAGE BY KEN HUDLER; R.I**

I am often asked, "Why have you not painted the resurrection?" No one is more thrilled by the thought of the resurrection than I. (It will be recalled that I have stated my beliefs about two resurrections, in that I believe that Christ died both spiritually and physically.) However, my purpose in these paintings is to emphasize the *cost* that our Lord was willing to pay because of His love for lost humanity. For this reason, I choose to build the climax of this presentation around the *costly sacrifice* of the Lord Jesus Christ.

How grateful we who have accepted and trusted in this sacrifice should be that "by His stripes we are healed"—and may we realize that we are more greatly healed by the stripes which smote His soul. Yet, there is one aspect of healing which I pray will never be ours. May healing never come to our *consciences*. May our consciences become and remain as tender and sensitive as a wound. May we nevermore "hide our faces from Him." May we be done forever with the shallow sentimentality which bids us consider our Lord's death in terms of only physical torture.

It is my conviction that to try to comprehend the sufferings of Christ in terms of only physical agony is like trying to understand a Rembrandt masterpiece by studying the *frame* and ignoring the *painting*. It is like expecting that one can travel to outer space and yet *keep one foot upon the launching pad*.

Whether or not we face this fact, this "Man of Sorrows" is the one "with whom we have to do." How *have* you responded, and how *will* you respond to Him? If you have not accepted Him as your Saviour and the Lord of your life, I implore you to *no longer* "hide your face from Him."

If you have had an experience in which you received Christ into your heart, *give Him every square-inch of your heart*. He has the well-earned right to require of you the difficult, the sacrificial, the hard-to-bear. It is to the shame of humanity when we again *acquaint Him with grief* by our disobedience.

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# COMMENTS

I have been deeply impressed with the ability and dedication of Mr. Ken Hudler, author of "The Man of Sorrows." This program is presented in a fresh and dynamic way and is decidedly different and spiritually challenging. Any person sharing in a worship experience where this message is presented and the paintings presented, will go away with a greater appreciation of the gift that was given and the price that was paid for our salvation. I am pleased to commend Mr. Hudler to any church that requests his ministry.

Dr. Roy D. Gresham, Executive Secretary-Treasurer  
Baptist Convention of Maryland

I recommend Ken Hudler's mature and eloquent ministry on the basis that:

I have had him at one of my major area-wide crusades. Over 1500 people were properly shaken toward the reality of Christ as Ken presented "The Man of Sorrows." Ministers of all denominations want his universal ministry to return.

This ministry is versatile. The paintings were also on display in the lobby of the New Kensington, Pa., Holiday Inn. People viewed them with renewed reverence.

Ken Hudler is a Christian gentleman primarily concerned with investing his special gift for the glory of Christ. He is indisputably sound, both theologically and doctrinally.

Evangelist Ron Susek  
Crusade Evangelism

Ken Hudler has developed a unique and effective presentation on the sufferings of Christ. His realistic, full-color oil interpretations of many major crises in the ministry and death of our Lord are unlike any others I have seen. Ken, an informed and able speaker, interlaces the presentation of each picture with lucid comment.

When I asked him what he hoped to accomplish through this ministry, he replied, "To awaken a response to the 'awful cost' paid by our Lord."

Ken's ministry is worthy of a wide use. I recommend him as a speaker at any occasion.

Vander Warner, Jr., Pastor-Evangelist

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It was my privilege to hear and see Ken Hudler as he spoke to the church of which I am a member. During this evening Worship Hour, he challenged our people to the very depths by portraying in the form of Christian art the matchless sufferings of our Saviour on the Cross. He did not use the normal paintings of Christ, but tried to show more of His sorrow, His suffering, His manliness, and to let us know that He is our substitute in taking our place on the Cross and suffering for us. I heartily commend Mr. Hudler, his paintings, and his preaching to any who wish him to fill any of our pulpits. He is truly a lay-Christian of the highest order, and will be a rich blessing to you and to your church. It is my prayer that God may continue to use this man of God, who has so many talents for Him in portraying in a new way, in the form of art, the suffering Saviour.

Dr. E. Milford Howell, Secretary of Missions-Stewardship  
Baptist Convention of Maryland



KEN HUDLER, ARTIST-LECTURER

## IN DEDICATION



**IRA THOMAS JOHNSTON**

1892 - 1971

Ira Thomas Johnston, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Johnston of the Idlewild-Blue Ridge Communities, rendered a distinct service to the cause of our Master for many years here in Ashe County. Aside from the sacred relationship he had with his companion of the years and their son, he rendered service to our people in two distinct areas of life: the political and religious. In this tribute to his memory I shall speak only of the religious contribution he made through the church in which he held his membership, in the Ashe Baptist Association and through the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

Early in his life he made his personal commitment to Jesus Christ as his Lord and united with the Old Fields Baptist Church. But his spiritual pilgrimage was to lead him to transfer his membership to the old Jefferson Baptist Church and from there to the First Baptist Church, West Jefferson, where he rendered a distinct service as long-time teacher of the Men's Bible Class; only illness or absence from the community could keep him from his appointed post of duty. Furthermore, he set the proper example for Sunday School teachers by remaining for the Worship hour; no pastor ever had a more loyal nor faithful supporter than he.

Brother Johnston rendered a distinct service to the Ashe Baptist Association through he years. He was a delegate from his church almost every year and participated in the deliberations of the association with sympathy for its work and concern for its progress. He served on many of its committees, most notably its Executive Committee of which he was Chairman for many years. He also served as a member of the General Board of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina for several terms. Yet, Brother Johnston was never narrow nor provincial in his Christian commitment, for his sense of Christian Brotherhood knew no denominational labels.

How did he live? As all great men have lived before him, as we live and as all who please God will live after him; he lived by faith and trust in our Lord Jesus Christ, a faith reflected in his favorite hymn, "The Unclouded Day."

—R. R. C.



## IN DEDICATION



**MRS. MATTIE G. PARSONS**

1906 - 1972

Mrs. Mattie Goodman Parsons, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Jethro Goodman and wife of Ralph C. Parsons spent her formative years in the community served by the Bethel Baptist Church. In early life she professed faith in Jesus Christ as her Savior and Lord and united with the Bethel Church; in later years she moved her membership to the First Baptist Church, West Jefferson.

Mrs. Parsons was educated in the local schools of Ashe County until time for High School. She was then enrolled in the Oak Hill Academy, Mouth of Wilson, Va., a Baptist school supported for many years by the Ashe Baptist Association (N. C.) and the New River Baptist Association (Va.), and founded by the late J. Floyd Fletcher, for whom the Fletcher Memorial Church, Jefferson, is named. Her education was continued at Appalachian State University from which she earned her A. B. Degree.

Mrs. Parsons is remembered by us for her work as a homemaker, as a teacher in the public schools, as a worker in the Mental Health movement, and in the local church and association. She is remembered affectionately as "Miss Mattie" by many of our citizens who attended her classes as children. In her local church she was faithful both in her service and her means, and in the association she served as Woman's Missionary Union Superintendent for many years and as a member of many committees in the association through the years, she requested that at her death memorials be made to the Ashe Baptist Camp in lieu of floral tributes.

The divine writer said, "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee the crown of life." Behold, how well she wears the diadem that is hers today!

—R. R. C.

## IN DEDICATION



**DARIUS C. SEVERT**

1890 - 1971

Darius C. Severt, for more than 40 years Training Union Director of the Ashe Missionary Baptist Association — a record, perhaps, unmatched in the entire Southern Baptist Convention.

Darius C. Severt was a native of Ashe County, and a member of one of its outstanding families. He was born in the Obids Community and attended the schools that were available at that time, later attending what is now Appalachian State University, Boone, where he prepared himself for the vocation of teaching school. He was married twice; first to Miss Maude Licenour of the King's Creek section of Caldwell County; to this union one daughter, Mrs. Robert Williams of Chatham, Virginia, was born. Following the death of Mrs. Severt he was then married to Miss Catherine Farrington, who survives him.

Mr. Severt served our Lord in the local church and on the associational level. He made it a point to attend the church in the community where he was living, even when away from his home church and community because of work. In the local church he served as committee member, as a Sunday School Teacher, and, most of all, in his beloved Training Union.

We are concerned here with his work in the Ashe Baptist Association, where he served on numerous committees, including the Executive Committee, as Clerk and Treasurer, and as Training Union Director. His years of service in the last named office spanned the formative years of the organization, both in the convention and on the local level, and during many of those years he did well to keep the organization alive. He, along with Miss Dare Teague who was Associational Missionary at the time, had the privilege of leading the Associational Training Union Organization to a Standard rating in the Convention. When asked how it was done, he replied with characteristic and becoming modesty, "We just looked around and saw what needed doing and did it."

He entered into his eternal reward on December 31, 1971. Surely the words of our Lord are for Him, "Enter into the joys of thy Lord."

—R. R. C.

## MUSIC DIRECTOR'S REPORT

In July of 1971 a county choir, made up of members of about twelve different churches provided special music for the associational revival held at Jefferson Elementary School gymnasium. A youth choir also participated. It was felt that this endeavor was of great value in helping the different churches come closer together.

A music school was not held this year due to the heavy schedule of Dr. Perrin. However, members from various churches began meeting in April to prepare for the second associational revival held at Northwest High School.

A total of approximately fifty persons made up the choir under the direction of Mr. Dewey Campbell. The choir did an excellent job of providing inspiring music, with the aid of special groups and a youth choir.

I wish to thank all those who have participated in our efforts as an associational choir, both those that sang and those that accompanied them. It is my sincere wish that we continue such efforts in order that we might be brought closer together in our association. May all we do be through the will of God and to His honor and glory.

Respectfully submitted,  
Maureen S. Blackburn  
Associational Music Director

## IN MEMORIAM

BALL MOUNTAIN—Mr. Paul Lawrence, Mr. Fred Hopkins, Mrs. Lillie B. Stike  
BEAVER CREEK (South)—Mrs. Polly Goodman  
BIG FLATTS—Mrs. Alice Moretz, Mr. H. V. Walker, Deacon  
BLUE RIDGE—Mr. Edd Harlles  
BUFFALO—Mrs. Hali Fay Harless Baldwin  
CHESTNUT HILL—Mr. Wiley F. Gambill, Deacon  
FLETCHER MEMORIAL—Miss Ruth Sutton  
FRIENDSHIP—Mr. James Shepherd  
GLENDALE SPRINGS—Mr. Alonzo Lowman  
HEALING SPRINGS—Mr. Morgan Blevins  
LIBERTY GROVE—Mrs. Lucille Brown, Mrs. Mary Goodman  
MOUNT OLIVE—Mrs. Lessie Surber  
MIDWAY—Mr. Mickey Absher  
OAK HILL—Mr. Clarence Barker, Mr. Elzie Stike  
OBIDS—Mr. Earl Parsons, Trustee  
ORION—Mrs. Esta Lambert, Mr. Riley Dishman  
PEAK VALLEY—Mrs. Fannie Munday  
PHOENIX—Miss Virginia Eller, Mr. Robert Faw  
PLEASANT HOME—Mrs. Mae Weaver Coley  
ROCK CREEK—Mr. Morefield Mahala, Mr. Mason Price, Mrs. Dessie Osborne  
STURGILLS—Idella Duvall, Mr. John Eller  
THREE FORKS—Mrs. Ethel Tomlinson  
WARRENSVILLE—Mr. W. O. Ashley, Mr. Alden Turner, Mr. A. E. Reed  
WEST JEFFERSON FIRST—Mrs. J. W. Gambill, Mrs. J. N. Tulbert, Mrs. Mattie G. Parsons, Mrs. Glenn S. Church, Mr. Ira T. Johnston, Mrs. D. C. Severt

Theme: "SHARING CHRIST NOW"

# *Ashe Baptist Association*

## **EIGHTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION**

Meeting With

**FLETCHER BAPTIST CHURCH**

**August 10, 1973**

**LAUREL KNOB BAPTIST CHURCH**

**August 11, 1973**

**1974 Meetings**

**August 9**

**August 10**

**Mount Olive Baptist Church**

**Midway Baptist Church**



IN MEMORIAM

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- APPLE GROVE—Dillie Miller  
BALD MOUNTAIN—Mr. Oren Hopkins  
BIG FLATS—Mrs. Emily Trivette Coffey, Grealy Parsons, Avery Phillips  
BRISTOL—Mr. Lillard Hooser  
BUFFALO—Mrs. Mildred Perkins Greene  
CALVARY—Mr. James Riale  
GLENDALE SPRINGS—Mrs. Johnsie Miller, Clark Miller  
GRASSY CREEK—Mrs. L. M. Blevins, Mr. Alva Thomas  
GREENS CHAPEL—Mrs. Nettie Howell  
LIBERTY GROVE—Mr. Earl Taylor, Delmer Watson, Mrs. Dessie Trivette,  
Mrs. Belle Church  
MOUNT OLIVE—Mrs. Lessie Hamby Surber  
NEW RIVER—(Deacon) Paul Garvey, (Deacon) Wayne Arnold  
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OAK HILL—Mr. Watt Lambert  
OBIDS—Mrs. Marie Bare  
PEAK VALLEY—Mrs. Fannie Munday  
PILOT MOUNTAIN—Richard Cook, Harley Cook, Raymond Parker, Aur-  
ther Winebarger  
PINE SWAMP—Wiley Church, Will Fairchild  
PLEASANT BRANCH—Mrs. Polly Ann Reedy  
PLEASANT HOME—(Deacon) Fred Pasley  
PLEASANT VALLEY—Mr. Ray Phipps  
SABBATH HOME—Ella Osborne Davis  
TUCKERDALE—Henry Sheets, Jimmy J. Young III, Thomas Lester Cox,  
David Darnell  
VALLEY HOME—Mr. Henry Bledsoe (Deacon)  
WAGONER—Mrs. Julia Craven  
WARRENSVILLE—(Deacon) Arthur Childers  
WELCOME HOME—Mr. James Parsons  
WEST JEFFERSON, FIRST—Samuel Campbell, Mrs. Rena Harle-  
Everette W. Powers

PROGRAM

FLETCHER MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH

Afternoon Session — August 10, 1973

Mr. George West, Presiding

1:30—HYMN: "Oh, How I Love Jesus" ..... Page 226

Welcome, Scripture, Prayer ..... Host Pastor, Rev. Larry Lefler

1:45—ORGANIZATION—Moderator's Period ..... Mr. George West

1. Seating Of Delegates
2. Adoption Of Order Of Business
3. Recognition Of Visitors
4. Recognition Of New Pastors
5. Reception Of New Churches
6. Announcements Of Committee Appointments
7. Roll Call Of The Churches ..... Clerk, Rev. Jack Miller

2:10—REPORTS:

1. Pastor's Conference ..... Rev. Lester Boyd
2. Ashe Baptist Summer Camp ..... Mr. Joe Brown
3. Evangelism ..... Rev. Herbert McCoy
4. Temperance And Public Morals ..... Rev. Carl Witherspoon
5. American Bible Society ..... Rev. W. H. Caldwell

2:35—The Association At Work—Business session (Election of Officers)  
(1) Moderator (2) Vice-Moderator (3) Clerk-Treasurer

2:50—REPORTS: INTITUTION — AGENCY

1. N. C. Baptist Homes For The Aging ..... Mrs. F. L. Waddell  
Representative ..... Superintendent, Rev. Bill Poole
2. N. C. Baptist Hospital ..... Mr. Don Goodman  
Representative ..... Denominational Relations, Rev. Calvin Knight
3. Baptist Foundation ..... Executive Secretary, Mr. Edwin S. Coates

3:40—HYMN: "Glory To His Name" ..... Page 188

3:45—REPORT: CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

1. Associational Report ..... Mrs. Glenn (Arleen) Woodie
2. Campbell College .. Representative, Local Attorney, Mr. Bill Lopp
3. Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute ..... Adm. E. Gary Harthcock
4. Gardner-Webb ... Representative, Rev. Charles (Buddy) Freeman
5. Meredith ..... Representative, Vice-President, John T. Kanipe, Jr.
6. Wake Forest University ..... Representative, H. Douglas Lee

45—Miscellaneous Business

—SPECIAL MUSIC:

—ASSOCIATIONAL SERMON ..... Rev. Tommy Johnson  
Pastor, Friendship Baptist Church  
(Alternate, Rev. Bill Burchette)

—Adjourn For Evening Meal Served By Ladies Of Fletcher Memorial.  
(Evening Session Begins At 7:15)

## IN DEDICATION



**REV. DR. EVERETTE W. POWERS**

Everette William Powers was born December 18, 1905 and reared near Lansing, North Carolina. He attended various schools and colleges and was graduated from Marion College, Marion, Indiana. He earned the TH.B., S.D., TH.D., and PH.D. in Psychology.

In his early ministry he conducted revival crusades in Virginia, Indiana, North Carolina and West Virginia. He was pastor of Beaver First Baptist Church for twenty-one years in Raleigh County, West Virginia. He held several pastorates in West Virginia. Returning to his native county in 1962 he served Old Fields, Friendship and Phoenix Baptist Churches.

It was his lifelong desire to return to his native county where God called him to salvation and the ministry at the age of seventeen from a hillside corn field near Lansing, North Carolina.

Near the end of World War II he served as pastor of the First Baptist Church of West Jefferson and taught school because of the short supply of teachers at the Lansing and West Jefferson schools.

During the years 1944-1948 and 1962-1973 Rev. Powers taught numerous Bible Courses, Bible Schools and preached revivals in the churches of the Ashe Baptist Association. He was well known for his ability, dedication and service, all of which he used for the good of his fellowman and the glory of God.

He went to be with his Lord on January 19, 1973, having just returned from a trip to Israel which had been a lifelong dream.

Mr. Powers was married to Miss Eva Ruth Butner of Greensboro, North Carolina and they have six children.

TO REV. DR. EVERETTE W. POWERS WE DEDICATE THE 1973 ASSOCIATIONAL MINUTES.

**PROCEEDINGS OF  
THE ASHE MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION  
EIGHTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION**

**Held August 10, 1973**

**Fletcher Memorial Baptist Church**

**Afternoon Session**

Congregational Hymn: "Oh, How I Love Jesus", lead by Rev. Bill Ballou;

Welcome, Scripture (Proverbs and Psalms, with the theme "Share God's Love with other people) and prayer by Rev. Larry Lefler, host pastor.

The Moderator, Mr. George West took charge of proceedings. He had all delegates stand and declared the 87th Session open for business.

A Motion was made by Rev. Earl Hartsog for the adoption of the Program, said motion being seconded by Mr. Bryan Oliver, voted on and passed.

(1) Recognition of visitors from other associations:

Bill Poole from Pilot Mountain

Mr. Gordon Maddrey

Mr. Sam O'Neill

Mrs. Ruby Greenlaw

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Robinson

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Harthcock, Mr. Harthcock being Director of the Bible Institute

(2) Recognition of New Pastors:

Rev. Larry Lefler, Fletcher Memorial

Rev. Howard Moss, Healing Springs

Rev. Joe Blevins, Little Helton and Bristol

Rev. Wade Bare, Pleasant Home

Rev. Tommy Johnson, Friendship

There was present thirteen other active pastors, three retired pastors and one licensed preacher, Thomas Barker. The Moderator asked for the young people present to stand (very few in attendance). Also recognized those having attended the The Association for 50 or more years, including Rev. W. E. Denny. Committees Appointed by Moderator Annually were (1) Nominating Committee: Marvin Osborne, Eddie Duncan, Johnny Roten, W. E. (Bill) Burchette and Reeves Jones (2) Resolutions Committee: A. D. Goodman, Jimmy Griffin and Joe Blevins, (3) Place and Preacher Committee: Paul Phipps, G. C. Burkett and Guy Shatley. Motions were made, seconded, voted on and carried for the approval of all three committees.



The Associational Clerk, Rev. Jack Miller, was asked to have the roll call of the churches and those having delegates present numbered 37 and were:

|                   |               |                 |
|-------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Bald Mountain     | Laurel Knob   | Pilot Mountain  |
| Big Flatts        | Liberty Grove | Pine Swamp      |
| Big Laurel        | Little Helton | Pleasant Chapel |
| Buffalo           | Long Branch   | Pleasant Home   |
| Calvary           | Midway        | Sabbath Home    |
| Chestnut Hill     | Mission Home  | Sturgills       |
| Clifton           | Mt. Olive     | Three Forks     |
| Fletcher Memorial | New River     | Tuckerdale      |
| Friendly Grove    | Oak Hill      | Wagoner         |
| Friendship        | Obids         | Warrensville    |
| Glendale          | Old Fields    | West Jefferson  |
| Grassy Creek      | Orion         |                 |
| Healing Springs   | Phoenix       |                 |

(3) Recognition of Rev. Jack Miller as Associational Secretary and Treasurer.

(4) Recognition of former pastors of Fletcher Memorial who were present: Rev. Bill Ballou and Rev. Whittington.

PASTOR'S CONFERENCE report of Rev. Lester Boyd read by Rev. Bill Ballou who also made a motion for its adoption which was seconded by Howard Moss, voted on and carried.

Mr. Sam O'Neal spoke on the Annuity Board — "1900 churches in North Carolina participating in the retirement program for pastors. 1500 are not!" Mr. O'Neal also said "All Pastors who have served long and faithfully should have the right to retire with dignity and honor."

ASHE BAPTIST SUMMER CAMP report by Joe Brown who moved for its adoption, seconded by Rev. Tommy Johnson, voted on and carried.

REPORT ON EVANGELISM by Rev. Herbert McCoy who moved for its adoption, seconded by Joe Brown, voted on and carried.

Rev. Herbert McCoy made a motion that the Association conduct another county-wide crusade in 1973. This motion was seconded by Joe Blewins, voted on and carried.

TEMPERANCE AND PUBLIC MORALS report by Rev. Carl Witherspoon who moved for its adoption, seconded by Rev. Denny, voted on and carried. (Rev. Witherspoon further discussed the Liquor by the Drink issue).

AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY report of Rev. W. H. Caldwell was incorporated into the minutes by motion of Rev. Carl Witherspoon, seconded by Rev. Howard Moss, voted on and carried.

CONGREGATIONAL SONG "Jesus Saves" lead by Rev. Bill Ballou.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: conducted by former moderator, Rev. Denny who stated how grateful he was to be present at this meeting. He further stated that he had attended the association for 58 years and had been a Christian about 65 years. "... we should be working together to build up God's Kingdom in this world".

# *Ashe Baptist Association*

## **EIGHTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION**

Meeting With

**MOUNT OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH**

**August 9, 1974**

**MIDWAY BAPTIST CHURCH**

**August 10, 1974**

**1975 Meetings**

**August 8**

**August 9**

**Healing Springs Baptist Church**

**North Beaver Baptist Church**

## MESSENGERS TO ANNUAL MEETING

**APPLE GROVE**—Charles McCoy, J. B. Ham, Grace Roop  
**ALD MOUNTAIN**—Dean Houck, Grover Campbell, Earl Hopkins  
**EAVER CREEK (S)**—Mrs. Judy Testerman, Mrs. Ann Goodman  
**ETHEL**—Irene Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Phillips  
**IG FLATS**—Russell Phillips, Lessie Lawrence, Mary Jordan  
**IG LAUREL**—Geter Roten, Glyda Roten, Johnnie Roten  
**LUE RIDGE**—Paul Owens, J. F. Watson  
**RISTOL**—Elmer Mullis, Martin Witherspoon, Billy Dean Lambert  
**UFFALO**—Byram Harless, Hardy Greene, Ruth Trivette  
**ALVARY**—Tommy Price, Olen Price, Ella Price  
**HESTNUT HILL**—Nannie Blevins, Rose Hash, Ila Dowell  
**LIFTON**—Joe Eastridge, Lois Riley, Gwyn Riley  
**RIENDLY GROVE**—Nell Harless, Jean McCoy, Rayborne Harless  
**RIENDSHIP**—Mrs. Wilma Vannoy, Mrs. Mary Joe Johnson, Mrs. Edna McNeill,  
     Mr. Edd Witherspoon  
**LENDALE SPRINGS**—Mrs. Wylene Absher, Mrs. Magdalene Phipps  
**RASSY CREEK**—Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hudler, Mr. Cecil Watson  
**EALING SPRINGS**—Mrs. Howard Moss, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Earl Taylro,  
     Mr. and Mrs. Scott Cox  
**F. FLETCHER MEM.**—Cary Ashley, Rev. Larry Lefler, Mrs. Betty Lefler  
**AUREL HILL**—Walter Perry, Paul Richardson, Oscar Richardson  
**AUREL KNOB**—Mrs. Francis Goodman, Mrs. Jesse Baldwin, Mikeal Goodman  
**IBERTY GROVE**—Mrs. Pat Greene, Marshall Perkins, Joe Brown  
**ITTLE HELTON**—Bane Jones, Wilford Porter, Harold Young  
**ONG BRANCH**—Rev. Camet Halsey, Charlie Osborne, Bill Eldreth,  
     Charles Barr  
**IDWAY**—Mrs. Lois Jones, Lloyd Witherspoon, Paul Phillips  
**SSION HOME**—Mrs. Euls Johnson, Mrs. Raymond Elliott,  
     Mrs. Tommy Hardin  
**OUNT OLIVE**—Mrs. Mary Caparolie, Mr. Joe Caparolie, Mr. Harold Miller  
**EW RIVER**—James Childers, Allen Huffman, James Mack Gore  
**ORTH BEAVER**—Darrell Blevins, Russell Severt, Jim McNeill  
**AK HILL**—O. B. Blevins, Mrs. Inez Blevins, Sharon Walton  
**BIDS**—Clate McNeill, Mrs. Vilena South, Mrs. Nettie McNeill  
**LD FIELDS**—Clark Church, Worth Phillips, Mrs. Pearl Shepherd  
**RION**—Wade Bare, Jennie Sexton, Mary Vannoy  
**HOENIX**—Mrs. Brenda Day, Mrs. Gertrude Waddell, Mrs. Jeannie McNeill  
**ILOT MOUNTAIN**—John Byland, Edith Byland  
**INE SWAMP**—Johnnie Hartzog, Mrs. Blanch Oliver, Bill Fairchild  
**LEASANT BRANCH**—Keith Reedy, Dusty Reedy, J. C. Jones  
**LEASANT CHAPEL**—Norris Greer, Paul Greer, Clarence Greer  
**LEASANT HOME**—Mrs. Hazel West, Calvin Blevins, Mrs. Grace Blevins  
**LEASANT VALLEY**—Eli Debord, Adeline Debord, Mr. & Mrs. Brice Denny  
**OUND KNOB**—Walter Cox, Robert Patrick, Everette Miller  
**ABBATH HOME**—Pearl Thompson, Pearl Elliott, Ray Elliott  
**TURGILLS**—Phillip Duvall, Leslie Jones, Guy Duvall  
**HREE FORKS**—Jerry Phillips, Jean Phillips, Peggy Richardson  
**UCKERDALE**—Mrs. Beryl Powers, Mrs. Jeanette Davis, Mr. Colonel Blevins  
**AGONER**—Mr. & Mrs. Everette Little, Mrs. Beulah Coldiron,  
     Mrs. George Bowers  
**ARRENSVILLE**—Rev. Bill Rice, Mr. Joe Ashley, Mr. Bobby Osborne  
**ELCONE HOME**—Edward McVey, Buddy Crepps, Howard Tucker  
**WEST JEFFERSON**—A. D. Goodman, Rev. Ken Morris, W. B. Oliver,  
     Walter Weaver, Colman Payne

PROGRAM

MOUNT OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Afternoon Session — August 9, 1974

Mr. George West, Presiding

- 1:00—CALL TO ORDER ..... Moderator  
 Worship  
 HYMN—"Amazing Grace" ..... Page 57  
 Devotion and Welcome ..... Host Pastor, Rev. Earl Sheets
- 1:15—ORGANIZATION—Moderator's Period ..... Mr. George West
1. Seating of Delegates
  2. Adoption of Order Of Business
  3. Recognition Of Visitors
  4. Recognition Of New Pastors
  5. Reception Of New Churches
  6. Announcements Of Committee Appointments
  7. Roll Call of The Churches ..... Associational Clerk, Rev. Jack Miller
- 1:40—The Association At Work—Business Session (Election Of Officers)  
 (1) Moderator                      (2) Vice-Moderator                      (3) Clerk-Treasurer
- 1:55—Report Of Director Of Missions ..... Bill Ballou
- 2:00—REPORTS: Institution - Agency - Colleges
1. Biblical Recorder..... Field Representative, Rev. Woodrow Hill  
     Local Representative (Christian Literature) Mrs. David (Pat) Greene
  2. Baptist Children's Homes ..... W. Isaac Terrell
- 2:35—Baptist Foundation ..... Executive Secretary, Edwin S. Coates
- 2:55—Baptist Homes For The Aging ..... Superintendent, William A. Poole  
 Local Representative ..... Mrs. F. L. Waddell
- 3:20—Baptist Hospital ..... Representative, Mrs. Ruby Greenlaw  
 Convention Annuity Department ..... Representative, Mr. Guy Cain  
 Gardner-Webb College (Christian Education) ..... Rev. J. Roy Robinson
- 4:20—Report Of Associational Treasurer ..... Rev. Jack Miller
- 4:30—Miscellaneous Business
- 4:55—HYMN—"Glory To His Name" ..... Page 113
- 5:00—Associational Sermon..... Rev. J. E. Owens, Pastor, Bald Mtn. Church
- 5:30—Adjourn For Evening Meal — (Evening Session Begins At 7:00 P. M.)



MOUNT OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Evening Session — August 9, 1974

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| 7:00—HYMN—"Blessed Assurance" .....                                    | Page 181                             |
| 7:05—Scripture and Prayer .....                                        | Rev. Joe Blevins                     |
| 7:10—REPORTS:                                                          |                                      |
| 1. Ashe Baptist Pastor's Conference .....                              | Rev. Tommy Johnson                   |
| 2. Ashe Baptist Summer Camp .....                                      | Mr. Joe Brown                        |
| 3. Executive Committee .....                                           | Mr. Jimmy Griffin                    |
| 4. Evangelism .....                                                    | Rev. J. E. Owens                     |
| 5. Temperance and Public Morals .....                                  | Rev. Carl Witherspoon                |
| 6. Cooperative Program .....                                           | Mr. W. B. Oliver                     |
| 7:45—Miscellaneous Business:                                           |                                      |
| (Presentation of Associational Budget) .....                           | Mr. Gerald Denny                     |
|                                                                        | Chairman, Budget & Finance Committee |
| 8:05—REPORTS: Local Representatives (Institutions, Agencies, Colleges) |                                      |
| 1. Baptist Children's Homes .....                                      | Rev. Glenn Woodie                    |
| 2. Christian Education .....                                           | Mrs. Glenn Woodie                    |
| 3. Baptist Hospital .....                                              | Mr. Don Goodman                      |
| 4. Pastor's Salary & Retirement .....                                  | Mr. Jimmy Lambert                    |
| 8:25—HYMN—"Jesus Saves" .....                                          | Page 97                              |
| 8:30—SERMON.....                                                       | Rev. Frank Tucker                    |
|                                                                        | Alternate, Rev. Howard Moss          |
| 9:00—ADJOURN .....                                                     | Benediction, Rev. Ross Harless       |

The second day of our Annual Session will meet with the Midway Church tomorrow, beginning at 9:00 A. M.

MIDWAY BAPTIST CHURCH

Morning Session — August 10, 1974

- 9:00—HYMN—"We'll Work Till Jesus Comes" .....Page 167  
Scripture, Prayer and Welcome .....Host Pastor, Rev. Fred Troutman
- 9:15—CALL TO ORDER .....Mr. George West  
1. Recognition Of Visitors and Announcements
- 9:25—THE ASSOCIATION AT WORK:  
1. Sunday School .....Mr. J. C. Ashley  
2. Church Training .....Mr. Don Goodman  
3. Woman's Missionary Union .....Mrs. Sally Ashley  
4. Brotherhood .....Mr. Howard Turnmire  
5. Church Music .....Mr. Howard Hodges  
6. Vacation Bible School .....Miss Mary Jordan
- 10:05—Roll Call Of The Churches.....Associational Clerk, Rev. Jack Miller
- 10:15—AREA MISSIONS .....Area Missionary, Rev. Jim Lambert
- 10:30—REPORTS — Christian Education:  
1. Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute .....Director—Dean, Rev. Alex Booth  
2. Meredith College .....Vice President, John T. Kanipe, Jr.
- 11:00—Miscellaneous Business
- 11:25—HYMN—"There Is A Name I Love To Hear" .....Page 283
- 11:30—SERMON.....Rev. Paul Phipps  
Alternate, Rev. Fred Jennings
- 12:00—ADJOURN FOR LUNCH  
Benediction and Blessing .....Rev. Jim Lambert

Afternoon Session Begins At 1:15 P. M.

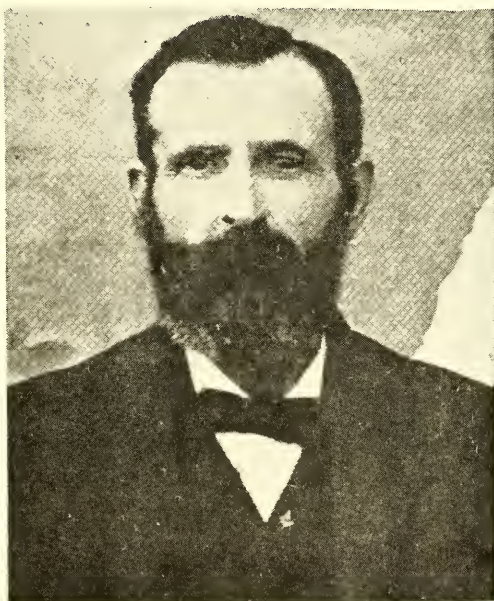
## MIDWAY BAPTIST CHURCH

Afternoon Session — August 10, 1974

- 1:15—HYMN—"I Will Sing The Wondrous Story" .....Page 377  
 Scripture and Prayer .....Rev. Lloyd Day
- 1:30—Christian Education:  
 Wingate College .....Representative, Mr. Harry Sherwood
- 1:45—REPORT: American Bible Society .....Rev. W. H. Caldwell
- 1:55—SPECIAL MUSIC
- 2:00—SERMON .....Rev. William (Bill) Rice  
 Alternate, Rev. Larry Lefler
- 2:30—BUSINESS SESSION:
1. Report Of Committees
    - (a) Time, Place & Preacher Committee
    - (b) Resolutions Committee
  2. Unfinished Business — Election Of Organizational Officers  
 Adoption Of Associational Budget
  3. Miscellaneous Business
    - (a) Reading And Approval Of Minutes
    - (b) Memorial Service .....Rev. Earl Sheets  
 Alternate, Rev. Joe Blevins

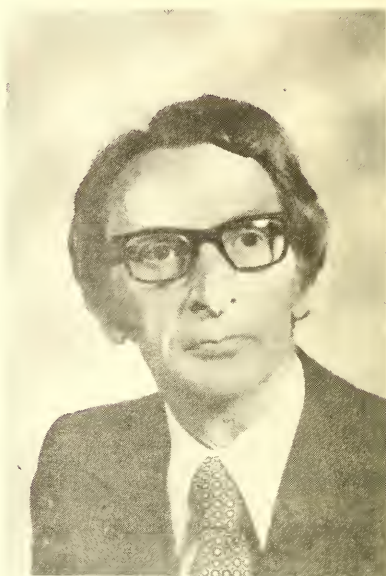
ADJOURN

Rev. Elihu Tucker  
 Pioneer in  
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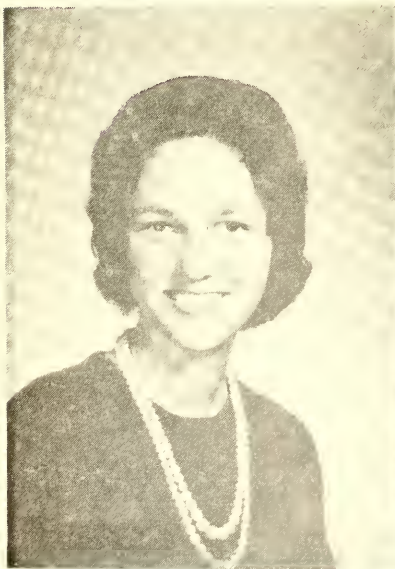




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*Member of Oldfields Baptist*  
*CHURCH*



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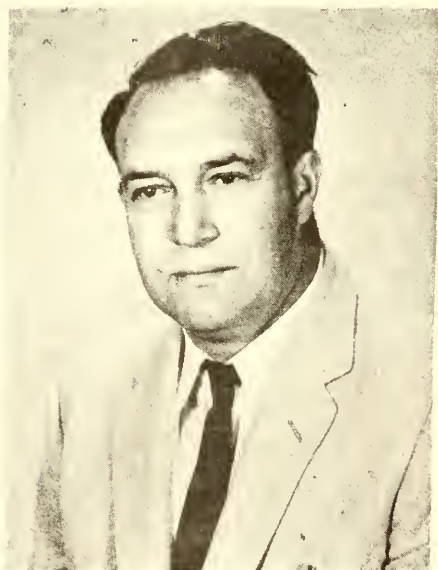
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## 1974 BIBLICAL RECORDER REPORT TO THE ASSOCIATIONS

The BIBLICAL RECORDER is grateful for another good year, although these are difficult days for religious publications. Some have had to go out of business while others are squeezed by rising costs. The RECORDER has not escaped the pressures of inflation. For example, paper has risen 61 per cent already this year—and the end is not in sight.

Even so, the RECORDER has been in business for 141 years and expects to continue. A few changes have to be made, however, to keep the paper strong. As staff members have resigned or retired, they have not been replaced. Some weeks the number of pages has to be reduced to save money, but readers have been very understanding.

Despite some problems, the RECORDER is enjoying its highest circulation in history—more than 111,000—thanks to the continuing support of the vast majority of Baptist churches in the state. These churches and their members remember the part the RECORDER played in the overwhelming defeat of liquor-by-the-drink last November. This is probably the most significant story that the RECORDER has reported since the associations met last year. You will remember that approximately 70 per cent of the voters in the state voted against liquor-by-the-drink and it was defeated in 97 of 100 counties. This should take care of this issue for awhile.

The RECORDER will continue its emphasis on local church coverage, seeking to deal with problems that every church has. Naturally, we are prejudiced, but we do not believe any publication can take the place of the BIBLICAL RECORDER. If your church does not send it to every member, may we ask a simple question: Why? At a cost of only a nickel a week for each family, this is the best investment a Baptist Church can make. Put the RECORDER in the budget before it has to increase the rate because of inflation.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Marse Grant, Editor

BIBLICAL RECORDER

## REPORT OF THE COUNCIL ON CHRISTIAN LIFE AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The basic work of the Christian Life Council continues to be that of a resource; research and referral agency for North Carolina Baptist. The Council responds to daily inquiries from churches and individuals seeking to discover Christian insights for every day living.

The Council conducted a workshop last March entitled "Helping Churches Help Families". Over 1200 attended part or all of that workshop.

A series of political action seminars are scheduled for September 30 - October 2. These seminars are designed to help Baptist know how to apply their Christian faith to various levels of government.

The Council distributes free upon request a series of 21 tracts on the family to North Carolina Baptist Churches.

The Council on Christian Life and Public Affairs consists of 16 persons who give guidance to the full-time director, Dr. Charles V. Petty.

## PASTOR'S CONFERENCE REPORT

The Ashe Baptist Pastor's Conference has made a great change in the past year due to the leadership of the Holy Spirit and the good attendance by the pastors. We have averaged around fourteen pastors being present at our meetings this year. Our monthly conferences have come to the place that they are empowered by the presence of the Holy Spirit as the word of God is preached, and as intercessory prayer is made for each other and for each others churches.

Reverend Kenneth Ridings (Teacher at Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute) spoke to our pastors at one session and pastors from our churches in our association have brought inspiring messages at the other meetings.

We are looking forward to the new year with great expectancy. It is our desire that all of our Southern Baptist Brethren will join us once a month to praise our Saviour, proclaim His word, purchase His power by penitance and prayer that we may all be empowered men of God.

Respectfully submitted,

Tommy Johnson, Chairman  
Pastor's Conference

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE ASHE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

July 1, 1973 to June 30, 1974

Rev. Jack Miller, Associational Treasurer

RECEIVED:

|                                                                     |                   |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Balance Brought Forward, July 1, 1973 .....                         | \$ 138.2          |
| Received from Churches .....                                        | 9,880.8           |
| Received from Baptist State Convention .....                        | 2,441.0           |
| Rev. Tommy Johnson .....                                            | 50.0              |
| Mr. Johnny Roten .....                                              | 25.0              |
| Mr. & Mrs. John Miller, Jr. ....                                    | 10.0              |
| Mr. George West .....                                               | 100.0             |
| Rev. G. C. Burkette .....                                           | 25.0              |
| Rev. W. E. Denny .....                                              | 20.0              |
| Received for Lay School Of Evangelism .....                         | 320.5             |
| Received For Associational Minutes .....                            | 964.0             |
| Received for Christian Action League<br>(Liquor-By-The-Drink) ..... | 383.3             |
| Miscellaneous Received .....                                        | 385.9             |
| <b>Total Received .....</b>                                         | <b>\$14,743.9</b> |
| <b>Total Expenses .....</b>                                         | <b>\$14,595.2</b> |
| <b>Total Brought Forward—July 1, 1974 .....</b>                     | <b>\$ 148.7</b>   |

PAID OUT:

|                                                          |                   |
|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Superintendent Of Missions Salary .....                  | \$ 5,965.0        |
| Travel Expense .....                                     | 1,645.9           |
| Utilities .....                                          | 892.6             |
| Convention Expense .....                                 | 495.2             |
| Cleaning & Supplies .....                                | 28.0              |
| Postage .....                                            | 267.1             |
| Office Supply .....                                      | 1,551.7           |
| Annuity: Retirement-Hospitalization-Life Insurance ..... | 1,223.8           |
| Parsonage Repair .....                                   | 242.4             |
| Insurance On Parsonage .....                             | 150.0             |
| Christian Action League .....                            | 383.3             |
| V. B. S. Workers Insurance .....                         | 18.0              |
| Associational Clerk (Salary 1972 - 73) .....             | 100.0             |
| Interest: Northwestern Bank .....                        | 122.5             |
| Associational Clerk (Salary 1973 - 74) .....             | 200.0             |
| Convention Workers Expense .....                         | 256.4             |
| Associational Minutes .....                              | 1,052.7           |
| <b>Total .....</b>                                       | <b>\$14,595.2</b> |





## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REPORT

|                                                         |                   |
|---------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| No. Schools Held to Date .....                          | 43                |
| No. Schools Reported to Date .....                      | 42                |
| No. Churches that have not held Schools yet .....       | 15                |
| No. Prospective Schools to be held .....                | 5                 |
| Enrollment for 42 Schools .....                         | 2,469             |
| Average Attendance for 42 Schools .....                 | 2,043             |
| Average Percentage in Attendance .....                  | 83%               |
| Gifts to Missions and S. B. Convention, Causes:         |                   |
| Through Cooperative Programs (31 Schools) .....         | \$1,195.33        |
| Foreign Missions ( 1 School) .....                      | \$ 29.55          |
| Lottie Moon Christmas Offering (1 School) .....         | \$ 47.75          |
| Deaf—through State Baptist Conv. (1 School) .....       | \$ 20.00          |
| Baptist Children's Homes of N. C. (2 Schools) .....     | \$ 28.25          |
| <b>TOTAL GIFTS</b> .....                                | <b>\$1,320.88</b> |
| Cost for 42 Schools .....                               | \$2,542.44        |
| No. Pupils not in any Sunday School .....               | 218               |
| No. Parents not in any Sunday School .....              | 303               |
| No. Professions of Faith .....                          | 14                |
| No. Dedications .....                                   | 7                 |
| No. Days — 42 Schools .....                             | 248               |
| No. Hours — 42 Schools .....                            | 547½              |
| Prospects Discovered through 1973 Schools .....         | 89                |
| Prospects Now Enrolled in S. S. from 1973 Schools ..... | 38                |
| Achievement Recognitions — 1974:                        |                   |
| No. Distinguished Schools .....                         | 1                 |
| No. Advanced Schools .....                              | 2                 |
| No. Merit Schools .....                                 | 25                |
| No. Schools without any Achievement Recognitions .....  | 14                |

Under God's authority, may we pray, for a more willing spirit of obedience toward Christ, and in doing God's Will through V. B. S.—1975.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Jordan

IN MEMORIAM

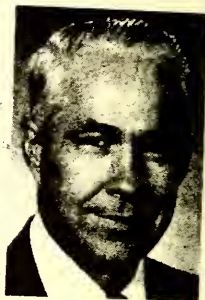


- APPLE GROVE—Mr. Minter Miller
- BEAVER CREEK—Hayden Goodman, Deacon; Mrs. Eula Goodman, Mrs. Bertha Darnell
- BETHEL—Mr. Bob Watson, Mrs. Margaret Royal
- BLUE RIDGE—Mrs. Alice Church
- BRISTOL—Mrs. Ada Mullis, Mrs. Jenny Blevins, Mr. Wiley Roark
- BUFFALO—Mr. Jesse Lewis, Mrs. Nellie Lewis, Mr. Willis Lewis
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- OBIDS—Mrs. Bessie Walker, Mrs. Mae Bard, Mrs. Margaret Bare, Mr. S. A. Hamby
- OLD FIELDS—Mr. Cecil Yates, Deacon
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- PHOENIX—Mrs. Buryl Cunningham, Mrs. Eula Mullis
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- PLEASANT HOME—Mr. Geter Pasley
- ROUND KNOB—Mr. John Gaither Severt, Deacon Chairman
- THREE FORKS—Mr. Eugene Lewis, Mr. Lillard Osborne
- TUCKERDALE—Mrs. Florence Jones, Mrs. Dora Gilley, Mrs. Fannie Sullivan Mrs. Beulah Powers
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- WAGONER—Mrs. Betty Seymoure
- WELCOME HOME—Mrs. Grace Shatley
- WEST JEFFERSON, FIRST—Mr. William Phillips, Mrs. Lenna G. Wagoner Mrs. Bessie H. Hair, Mr. C O. Parsons, Mr. A. M. Frazier, Mr. Ben Cornett, Mr. A. B. Vannoy, Mr. George N. Oliver

Theme: "LET CHRIST'S FREEDOM RING"

# *Ashe Baptist Association*

## **EIGHTY-NINTH ANNUAL SESSION**



**Ray**

Cecil A. Ray, General Secretary-Treasurer

MEETING WITH  
HEALING SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH

August 8, 1975

AND

NORTH BEAVER BAPTIST CHURCH

August 9, 1975

— 1976 Meetings —

August 6

Orion Baptist Church

August 7

Welcome Home Baptist Church



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ASSOCIATIONAL DIRECTORY

Associational Officers

|                                               |                           |
|-----------------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Dir. of Assoc. Missions (Assoc. Missionary)   | Rev. Wm. C. (Bill) Ballou |
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| Rt. 1, Box 4,                                 | N. C. 28617 — 982-2373    |
| VRS Director                                  | Miss Mary Jordan          |

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|                                                                     |                                |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
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| Arner Eller — Crumpler, N. C. 28617 .....                           | 982-2838                       |
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| Ilijah Greer, Todd, N. C. 28684 .....                               | 385-5635                       |
| Carl Hagga — White Top, Va. 24292 .....                             |                                |
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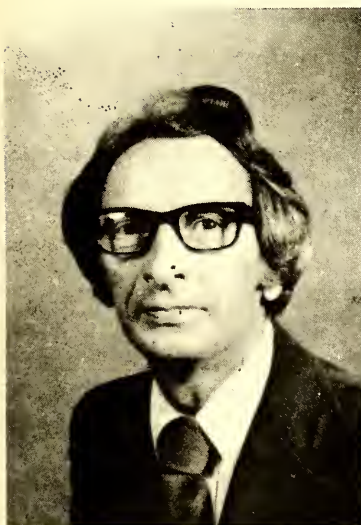
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## AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY

The world's population reached an estimated total of four billion people in 1974 — most of them without ready access to the Word of God. These people constitute the challenge confronting the churches, dedicated to the proclaiming of the Gospel, and the Bible Societies, dedicated to the translation, publication and distribution of God's Word.

The publication of the Word of God requires technical skill, scholarly expertise, and selfless devotion to the communication of the sacred text. The Bible Societies of the world have assumed this task, providing Scriptures in whatever languages, formats and varieties that are required. The task is enormous. The number of Bibles, Testaments, Portions and Selections distributed annually throughout the world exceeds 250,000,000.

During 1974, 252,956,174 Scriptures were distributed throughout the world by the United Bible Societies. Of these, 87,102,185 were distributed in the United States. The subsidy required to make distribution programs possible came from the United Bible Societies' World Service Budget of \$11,000,000. Half of this amount is underwritten by the American Bible Society through contributions from dedicated individuals and churches.

In June, 1974, the American Bible Society announced a special program called "GOOD NEWS AMERICA". The program is designed to bring a part of God's Word to every man, woman and child in the U. S. A. during the bicentennial celebration.

The challenge of hundreds of millions of people hungry for God's Word confronts the Southern Baptist Convention and the American Bible Society with unprecedented responsibilities and opportunities. Working together, we can be faithful to the high calling to which we are committed.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rev. Bruce South

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ASHE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

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**CHURCHES AND PASTORS IN THE ANNUITY PROGRAM**

| <i>Church</i>            | <i>Pastor</i>   | <i>Plan A</i> | <i>Plan B</i> | <i>Plan C</i> | <i>Total</i> |
|--------------------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| Bald Mountain .....      | J. E. Owens     | 20.00         |               | 10.09         | 20.00        |
| Big Flatts .....         | P. J. Phipps    | 16.68         |               |               | 16.68        |
| Buffalo .....            | Bruce South     | 13.00         |               |               | 13.00        |
| Calvary .....            | Carson Staley   | 10.00         |               |               | 10.00        |
| Clifton .....            | Warner Eller    | 15.00         |               |               | 15.00        |
| Friendly Grove .....     | Openfield       | 33.34         | 7.86          |               | 41.20        |
| Friendship .....         | Tommy Johnson   | 33.34         | 31.66         |               | 65.00        |
| Healing Springs .....    | Howard Moss     | 33.34         |               |               | 33.34        |
| Fletcher Memorial .....  | Larry Lefler    | 33.34         |               |               | 33.34        |
| Laurel Knob .....        | Archie Clawson  | 33.34         |               |               | 33.34        |
| Midway .....             | Fred Troutman   | 33.34         |               | 19.09         | 52.43        |
| Mission Home .....       | Jack Miller     | 20.00         |               |               | 20.00        |
| Mount Olive .....        | Earl Sheets     | 12.00         |               |               | 12.00        |
| New River .....          | Fred Jennings   | 16.67         | 16.66         |               | 33.33        |
| Old Fields .....         | Gene Adams      | 16.67         |               |               | 16.67        |
| Orion .....              | W. E. Burchette | 16.67         |               |               | 16.67        |
| Pleasant Home .....      | Wade Bare       | 33.34         |               |               | 33.34        |
| W. Jefferson First ..... | Ken Morris      | 33.34         |               |               | 33.34        |
| Wagoner .....            | Worth Kimberlin | 20.00         |               |               | 20.00        |
| Warrensville .....       | Bill Rice       | 33.34         | 8.54          |               | 41.88        |
| Ashe Baptist Assoc. .... | Bill Ballou     | 33.34         | 16.66         |               | 50.00        |

**Statistical Highlights, 1974**

| <i>Retirement Plans</i>          | <i>Total Members</i> | <i>Insurance</i>      | <i>Total Members</i> |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Plan A (Churches - Agencies)     | 26,390               | Health Insurance      | 14,449               |
| Plan B (Churches - Agencies)     | 18,301               | Group Life (Churches) | 8,035                |
| Plan C (Churches - Agencies)     | 5,730                | Group Life (Agencies) | 12,704               |
| Total Benefits Paid (retirement) | \$15,452,446         | Life Benefit Plan     | 3,664                |
| Relief Benefits                  | \$216,513            |                       |                      |
| Relief Recipients                | 409                  |                       |                      |

In North Carolina 2,134 churches and associations and 2,616 staff members are currently participating in the Southern Baptist Protection Program.

## BROTHERHOOD REPORT

This has been a very good year for our Brotherhood organizations in the different churches. Several churches have very active groups. These men's groups also help and work with the Royal Ambassadors.

Our annual Brotherhood Workshop was well attended. Brother Edd Bullock of the State Brotherhood Commission led the workshop. Some of the activities this past year were the RA DAY FOOTBALL GAMES at the Baptist colleges. Several groups attended the meeting and the football game at Wake Forest. Brotherhood and RA groups also hold camp-outs at our Baptist Summer Camp.

It is our sincere wish that other churches of our association would see the advantages of organizing groups within their church. Groups of men enjoy fellowship while working on church buildings and grounds, conducting church census and visitation programs.

The harvest is plenteous but the laborers are few. Pray ye therefore the Lord of harvest will send forth laborers into His harvest.

Respectfully submitted,

Don Goodman, Assoc. Dir.

## PASTOR'S SALARY and RETIREMENT

What do we as laymen expect of our pastor? We expect them to study in order to bring inspiring, Biblical sermons. We also expect him to visit the sick and unsaved on our church field; members who are out of fellowship, the sick in the hospital, both here and out of town. These are but few of the duties of a good pastor, but of all these expectations, how mindful are we for his financial needs?

We should think more of our pastors than we do. We make plans for our own retirement. Why not help our pastor live out his last days with dignity, free of financial worry by providing the funds needed to pay into his retirement plan.

There are only 20 pastors and our Superintendent of Missions who are covered by this retirement plan. This is a small number when we consider that there are 59 churches in the Ashe Baptist Association.

Please let me encourage you to take care of your pastor by enrolling him in the Southern Baptist Protection Plan. Call our Superintendent of Missions and he will be happy to discuss and explain the plan to you. I trust that we will realize our responsibility to our pastors as they seek to win the lost to Christ.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Jimmy Lambert



## EVANGELISM REPORT

The County-Wide Crusade held at Northwest High School Gymnasium, June 2-28, we feel was a great success. We had a good revival although the attendance was down from previous years. Brother E. C. Wilkie did an outstanding job. We were pleased for the response of our young people, as many of them made life commitments, and rededications by others.

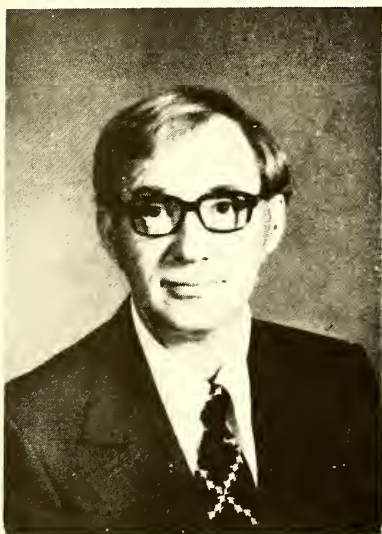
In the New Testament, evangelism is a program of proclaiming the Good News of the Gospel to all people and to all nations in every possible way. This program involves the activities of the entire church from the pulpit to every person in the pew. Church members cannot pay a pastor to do their evangelizing for them. Every individual Christian is called upon to be an evangelist. The challenge of Christ is a call to clergymen and laymen alike to enter into this program of evangelism. This was the mission of Christ: "The Son of God is come to seek and to save that which was lost." Jesus said, "Whosoever brings back a sinner from the error of his way will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins". Daniel the prophet said, "Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the firmament; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever".

There is little in nature to teach us that the processes of decay and erosion will one day be overcome and that the deserts of the world shall be made to blossom like the rose. There is nothing in the social life of the world which leads us to believe that man can settle the vast problems of his nature and being. There is nothing in human religion that can do more than drug the human senses for a moment to make the road to destruction less tragic. There is nothing in history that would lead us to believe that man is capable of lifting himself by his own straps out of his sins. History is the story of greater and vaster wars being fought by larger numbers of people over wider ranges of the surface of the earth.

How then do we have the assurance that God's righteousness will ultimately triumph? Our Lord prayed: "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven." There is only one answer. It is the power of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. The Gospel is the remedy for man's spiritual disease. God will honor and bless it if we faithfully declare it. It is into this world that "the evangelist" steps with his message. He must proclaim it in simplicity; with authority, with urgency and to a decision.

During the associational year of 1974-75, churches of the Ashe Baptist Association baptized 199 new converts. This represents an increase of 44 over last year. Also, our churches had other additions totaling 147. We say, "To God Be The Glory".

## SPEAKERS FOR THE 90th SESSION



REV. LARRY LEFLER



REV. EARL SHEETS, SR.



REV. J. KENNETH MORRIS



REV. JOHNNY GOODMAN

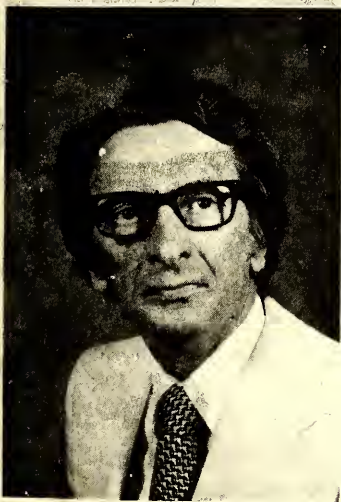
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REV. WILLIAM C. (BILL) BALLOU



*Clerk - Treasurer*  
MRS. JEANIE MCNEILL

## LOCAL CHURCHES and PASTORS ENROLLED IN SOUTHERN BAPTIST RETIREMENT

|                      |                      |                        |                      |
|----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| Bald Mountain .....  | Rev. J. E. Owens     | Mission Home .....     | Rev. Jack Miller     |
| Big Flatts .....     | Rev. Paul Phipps     | Mt. Olive .....        | Rev. Earl Sheets     |
| Buffalo .....        | Rev. Bruce South     | New River .....        | Rev. Jimmy Warden    |
| Calvary .....        | Rev. Carson Staley   | Old Fields .....       | Rev. Gene Adams      |
| Clifton .....        | Rev. Earl Sheets     | Orion .....            | Rev. Bill Burchette  |
| Friendly Grove ..... | Rev. Dupre Gowan     | Pleasant Home .....    | Rev. Earl Sheets     |
| Healing Sprgs. ....  | Rev. Herbert Parunak | Wagoner .....          | Rev. Worth Kimberlin |
| Fletcher Mem. ....   | Rev. Larry Lefler    | Warrensville .....     | Rev. Bill Rice       |
| Laurel Knob .....    | Rev. Archie Clawson  | W. Jef. First .....    | Rev. Ken Morris      |
| Midway .....         | Rev. Fred Troutman   | Ashe Association ..... | Bill Ballou          |
| Friendship .....     | Rev. Tommy Johnson   |                        |                      |

## ASHE BAPTIST SUMMER CAMP REPORT

Our Ashe Baptist Summer Camp has progressed successfully during the past year. It has been used by hundreds of Baptists throughout the county. It is being used for church meetings as well as for recreation and leisure. We thank God for the exposure it is getting and the glory God is receiving from it.

The "Mattie Parsons Memorial Building" is under construction at this time. The land has been cleared, footing dug and the walls have been laid up for the first floor. The first phase is nearing completion. The work has been done by Bobby Day Construction Company. Brother Day is a member of the Phoenix Baptist Church. We thank God and Ashe County Baptists for their support in project.

The Care-Taker for the grounds for this year is Mr. Micky Pugh, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Pugh, who are all members of the Healing Springs Baptist Church.

Mr. Ronnie Hopkins is our treasurer and is a member of the Bald Mountain Baptist Church. At the present time we have \$2,479.56 in the general fund. A total of \$8,000.00 will be needed to complete the first phase of the building. We are trusting God and stepping out on faith that we will meet this challenge.

Your Camp Committee desires your prayers as we strive to do God's will in this area. Pray that God will bless us in the coming year as He has in the past year.



# PASTOR'S SALARY and RETIREMENT

The very title of this report is eye-catching! For those who receive and for those who pay. Perhaps the first thought the pastor has is, "I certainly could use more pay," and for most church members, "I wish we could do better by our pastor financially."

It is easy to see the needs of the pastor now and in the future, but it is quite another thing to do something constructive about it.

After talking with a number of pastors and laymen in our association, we found that much progress has been made in increases in salary for a few pastors, but there is still a long way to go for a great many. Every pastor that is already enrolled in the retirement plan with the Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention assured us that they were very satisfied with the plans they had to offer. Only one pastor has been added to the retirement program in our association this past year bringing the total to 21.

Now for those who are looking for a better way financially for their church, we have heard preachers, teachers, and students of the Bible recommend tithing—and we surely believe this to be the teaching of the Bible. We also believe that after the individual has responded and brought his tithes and offerings into the store house of the Lord, that those in charge of the business affairs of our churches should carefully use these tithes and offerings wisely. First, the very heart beat of the church should be MISSIONS as commanded in Matt. 28:19-20. A budget worked out somewhat on the past year's finances and no matter how great or how small this total figure turns out to be, at least 10% of the total should first go to MISSIONS and in our case, since we are a part of the Southern Baptist Convention, this means the COOPERATIVE PROGRAM.

You may now be asking, "How do you know that this will improve my pastor's salary and retirement?" By the same authority that the Christian has been asked to tithe. The Bible says, "and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing". (Mal. 3:10) There are a number of churches that I know of who have followed this plan and today their pastors are the best paid and are in the retirement plan. I am sure our Director of Missions will be glad to help you work out a budget suitable for the needs of your church.

Perhaps we should be reminded that in I Timothy 5:8 we find these words, "But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel."

Let us then seek pastors who have been called of God into His service and worthy of a part of our tithes and offerings and each of us share the responsibility financially and spiritually by telling the Sweetest Story Ever Told of Jesus and His Love.

## **Carlyle Campbell Dies in Raleigh**

Arthur Carlyle Campbell, 82, who served as president of Meredith College for 27 years until his retirement in 1966, died July 27 in Raleigh.



**Campbell**  
The son of the founder of Campbell College, Buies Creek, he attended Buies Creek Academy (now Campbell College) and received his A.B. and A.M. degrees from Wake Forest University.

### **1976 REPORT OF THE CHRISTIAN LIFE COUNCIL**

The emphasis of the Christian Life Council in 1976 has been twofold: citizenship and family relationships.

In January a bicentennial packet was mailed to every North Carolina Baptist pastor. In addition, a number of sermons and conferences have dealt with Christian Citizenship. Six tracts on citizenship were written and printed and are available for local church use.

A major concern for the Christian home has prompted the Council to distribute over 150,000 pieces of literature relative to the family. Over a hundred sermons on the home were preached and a number of conference were conducted.

A Workshop for Youth Ministers was co-sponsored with the Youth Ministries Section.

A Single Adult Conference is scheduled for October 29-31 in Charlotte.

One of the most exciting developments is the creation of the Department of Christian Family Life. W. Douglas Cole will head this department which will be a part of the Christian Life Council.

The Council continues to serve as a research, resource and referral agency for North Carolina Baptists regarding applied Christianity. Dozens of requests are received and answered from Baptists pertaining to every day life situations.

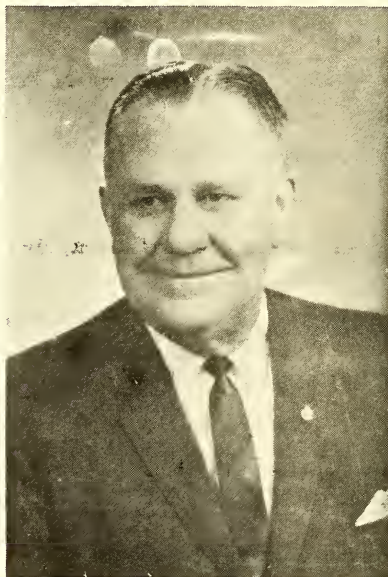
The Christian Life Council's reason for existence centers on the concept of helping those who call Him "Lord, Lord" to know and do His commandments.

— OUR BELOVED DEAD —

- BALD MOUNTAIN—Mr. Donley Howell, Mr. G. H. Pugh (Deacon)
- BIG LAUREL—Mrs. Mary E. Greer, Mrs. Carrie Denny
- BLUE RIDGE—Mrs. Mattie Spears
- BRISTOL—Mr. Tom Parsons
- BUFFALO—Mrs. Emma Ray
- CALVARY—Mrs. Hattie Blevins
- FRIENDLY GROVE—Mrs. Effie Richardson
- FRIENDSHIP—Mrs. Susie Little, Mr. Russel Shaw
- GRASSY CREEK—Mr. Levi Sexton, Mr. James Blevins
- LANDMARK—Mr. Arthur Barker, Mrs. Retha Howell
- LONG BRANCH—Mr. J. L. Gilley
- NEW RIVER—Mrs. Sara Jane Pollard, Mrs. Lela Brown, Mr. Oscar Jones,  
Mr. Allen Handy
- NORTH BEAVER—Mrs. Arnold Johnson
- OBIDS—Mrs. Ada Miller
- OLD FIELDS—Mr. Heg Cheek (Dea.), Mrs. Adaline Church, Mr. Rocky Hartzog
- ORION—Dora P. Miller
- PHOENIX—Mr. Edwin C. Eller, Mrs. Daisy McNeill
- PLEASANT HOME—Mrs. Clyde Thompson
- PLEASANT VALLEY—Mrs. Fannie Pasley
- SOUTH BEAVER—Mr. Mont Goodman (Deacon)
- TUCKERDALE—Mrs. Rettie Wydner, Mrs. Nina Belle Hodge Cox
- WAGONER—Mrs. Frankie Dishman, Miss Lou Bare
- WARRENSVILLE—Mr. John M. Burkette (Deacon)
- WEST JEFFERSON FIRST—Mrs. Guy T. Badger, Mrs. Roxie McGuire,  
Mr. Charles Lewis, Mrs. Linda Rhodes, Mrs. W. J. Hudler



*FRIENDLY GROVE YOUNG PEOPLE  
AND MRS. HART*



**W. B. OLIVER**

*WHO WAS ASSOCIATIONAL CLERK  
FOR MANY YEARS.*





*E. Z. SEXTON, retired pastor, was probably the oldest minister attending the Ashe Association this year. He will be 90 next February. He has served 14 churches in the area.*

Orion Baptist Church were among the 14 Baptist Churches served as pastor.

He served the Orion Baptist Church for a period of 19 years.

Rev E.Z.Sexton has reared 19 children, Ten by his first marriage to Mary Jane Welch.

After her death he was married to Virginia Bowers Aug 10, 1939.

To this union were born 9 children, they make their home in the Orion community of Jefferson, N.C.

Theme: "LET THE CHURCH STAND UP"

# **ASHE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**

## **NINETIETH ANNUAL**

### **SESSION**

Meeting With

**ORION BAPTIST CHURCH**

**AUGUST 6, 1976**

And

**WELCOME HOME BAPTIST CHURCH**

**AUGUST 7, 1976**

— 1977 Meetings —

The First Friday and Saturday in August  
at Friendship Church and Clifton Church

## Fruitland Held

### in High Esteem by WNC Baptists

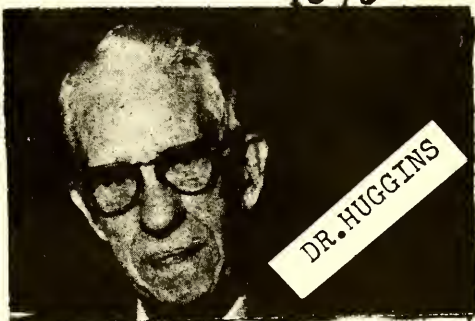
really blessing us, and we've had souls saved. We are in the process of building ramps for some in our congregation who must come to church in wheel chairs." An excited mother from Violet Church told about one of her sons being saved in Vacation Bible School two years ago, and said that another son was saved this year. She wept with joy as she told the story. A representative from Shady Grove Church told of one who had been called to preach, and of another who was saved and "had a messed up life 'til he met Christ." Many other churches reported unusual events and this proved to be a very interesting part of the program.

#### **J. C. Pipes: Great Leader**

French Broad Association met for an evening session at Gabriels Creek Church near Mars Hill. I arrived there early and browsed through the cemetery. I was pleased to find the grave of J. C. Pipes, the convention's area missionary in western North Carolina for many years. Pipes did perhaps more to preserve the Baptist witness for Christ in the mountain areas than any other individual. E. J. Jenkins, French Broad director of missions, said that it was J. C. Pipes who inspired him to enter the work of associational missions.



*E. J. JENKINS, director of missions in French Broad Association, is shown at the grave of J. C. Pipes at the Gabriels Creek Church. 1976*



*REPRESENTED MARS HILL  
COLLEGE IN MANY ASSOCIATION'S.*

#### International Lesson

### Overcoming Hindrances to Church Growth

For March 17, 1974

By M. H. Kendall, Mars Hill College 319





# Ashe Baptist Associational B.T.U. Leaders 1945 - 1950



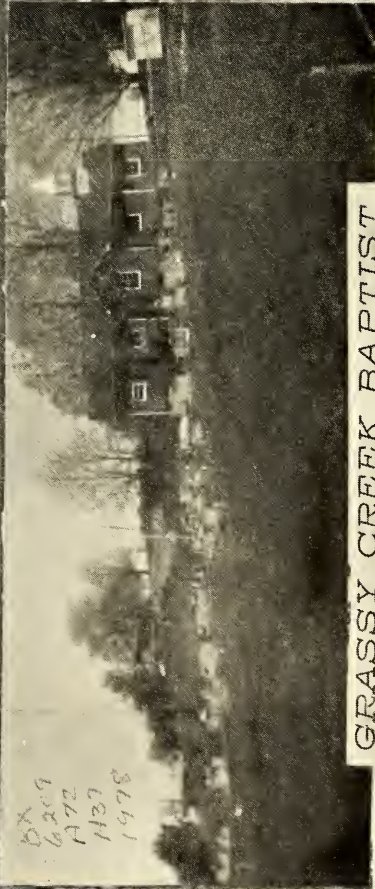
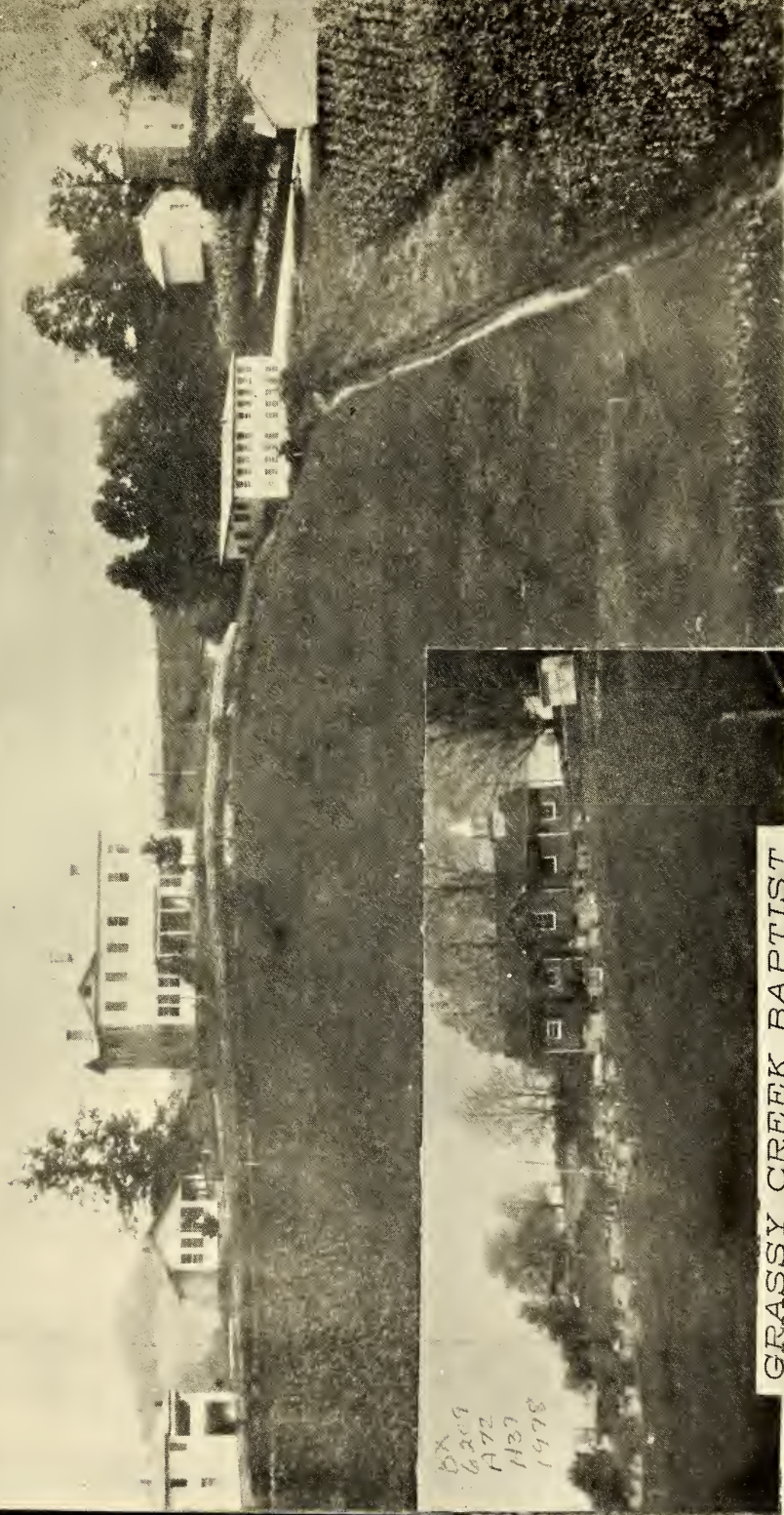
We are happy to present the Ashe Associational Training Union officers led by Mr. D. C. Severt. The Ashe Association has been *standard* for the past *six quarters*, and under the leadership of Mr. Severt and Miss Virginia Dare Teague, associational missionary, has done splendid work.

Reading from left to right: Mr. D. C. Sev-

ert, Mr. R. C. Ashley, Mrs. Irene Dixon, Mr. B. F. Cook, Rev. G. C. Burkett, Mr. Coleman Payne, Mrs. Eugenia Blackman, Miss Mary Jordan, Miss Virginia Dare Teague, Rev. M. D. Hart, Mr. Grover March, Mr. Clark Hauck, and Mr. Ballard Harless, Miss Mae Hartsoe. Mr. John Goodman, and Mr. Lance Seagle were not present when the picture was made.



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